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Health services seeks land from Dysart to build a tribute park

CATHY OLLIFFE
Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services would like Dysart et al to donate one or two lots next to the Haliburton Hospital for a tribute park.

HHHS CEO Foster Loucks, chairman Jack Brezina and member Don Popple appeared before councillors at their Dec. 10 meeting to ask about the possibility of Dysart giving HHHS the land adjacent to the hospital.

Loucks explained, "We are nearing the completion of our current project [the hospital expansion] that has been our priority for the last two or three years." He said their focus has been to pay for the capital project and he thanked Dysart for its support over the years. "We've only now begun to look at where we ought to be going in the future," he said.

That future may entail the construction of what Loucks described as a "tribute park" next to the hospital. He would like to build it on two of the

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Led by conductor Lorelyn Morgan and accompanied by pianist Lauren McInnes, The Haliburton County Children's Chamber Choir performed Sounds Like Christmas concert for more than 200 people on Sunday afternoon at the Northern Lights Pavilion on Dec. 16. The concert also showcased The Highlands Brass Quintet and The Jubilate Chamber Singers. More photos are on page 31

Spreading Christmas joy

The 4Cs does more than just give food and toys to the needy – it circulates joy and love to everyone involved

CATHY OLLIFFE
Staff Reporter

It's one of the most beautiful December days in memory. Sunny and warm enough to get by with just a sweater and not a flake of snow to be seen.

Aggie Tose shows up at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with yet another carload of toys, part of the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association's sixth annual Christmas Challenge. Tose pulls boxes and

bags from the trunk of her car and then good-naturedly shows off her shoes. "Look!" she says. "High heels in the middle of December!"

Across the street at the food bank, Ave Petch just happens to be talking about Tose. "What would we do without Aggie?" she says. "Not only does she organize it all, she delivers it too."

Tose is just one of the many people in the Haliburton area who help the Christian Concern

Community Centre, better known as the 4Cs, make Christmas a happier time for families with financial problems. Strictly a volunteer effort, the 4Cs was founded by the Haliburton Ministerial Association in 1979. There are 12 directors on the 4Cs' board, which meets regularly and works in the day to day operation of the programs. The 4Cs food bank provides food and clothing for the needy and fire victims, working together with

the Lily Anne Thrift Shop on Maple Ave., in the Drag River building donated by the Township of Dysart et al.

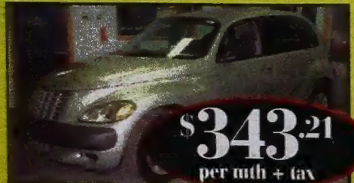
On this sunny Tuesday Dec. 11, both the Drag River building and St. Anthony's Church basement are veritable beehives of activity.

At St. Anthony's, Betty Smith, Rose Barry, Maria Trautman and Elaine Nunn are wrapping toys. Anyone who complains about gift-wrapping have noth-

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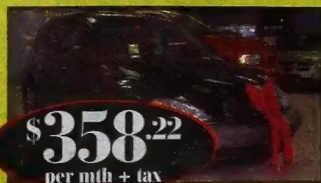
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The Christmas decorations on Haliburton's main street make for a pretty scene for night drivers. It will be a busy week here as shoppers tidy up their gift lists - and a few stragglers get their start! Most stores have extended their hours and will be open until Christmas Eve.

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here & there

—news and events worth noting

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Sudbury will host a three-day ecotourism conference to launch 2002 as the United Nations' International Year of Ecotourism. It is being sponsored by FedNor-Industry Canada and endorsed by the Adventure Travel Society and International Ecotourism Society. Sudbury official's say the northern city is the perfect site for the conference since it has established a reputation for environmental restoration. For details call Rob Skelly, 705-671-2489, ext. 4668.

The \$10-million fundraising campaign for a new site for the Peterborough Regional Health Centre received a major boost when 148 PRHC doctors and dentists pledged \$1-million. Seventy percent of the doctors are participating, donating an average of \$6,791 each. Ground has already been broken for the new 500-bed centre, which will replace the existing centres, the former Civic Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital, both which serve residents of Haliburton County.

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Winter arrives suddenly on Friday, causing a flurry of accidents

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The sudden snow fall that blanketed Haliburton is responsible for eight accidents on county roads on Friday night.

OPP Staff Sergeant Bob Walli said the snow covered roads, which became hard-packed, caused slippery conditions and was a contributing factor to the traffic accidents that evening.

"Generally, when you get those kinds of accidents when everybody else makes it around the corner and the one guy goes in the ditch it's generally because they were going just a little bit faster than they should be for the road conditions," Walli said.

There were no major injuries and all were single vehicle accidents according to the OPP.

However at Dover's Hill, Cty. Rd. 121 leaving Haliburton became a temporary parking lot as several vehicles were stuck on the steepest portion unable to make the steep grade. Local residents with 4X4 vehicles helped to pull those vehicles over the hill, but after an hour the stuck vehicles caused traffic

to collect behind them with a line of 20 cars.

The OPP were unable to respond and sent requests to road crew trucks to sand the road.

Only minor injuries were reported for one incident on Hwy. 35 North of Minden. The majority of the accidents the OPP responded to were on Hwy. 35 in the Dorset area.

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Once one car couldn't make it up Dovers Hill on Friday night, all the other cars behind were stuck too. Local 4X4 owners came to the rescue, pulling each one to the top.



Harcourt woman injured in six-person accident

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Mary-Ellen Coghlan says she's been told she's lucky to be alive after her car was hit by a pick-up truck on County Road 648 in Harcourt on Monday morning.

The accident happened when she was pulling out from a driveway right across from Old Harcourt Road. She says she had stopped at the county road, checked for traffic and was doing up her seatbelt as she pulled onto the road when a truck rounded a nearby corner.

The truck's driver, Jamie Townsend, tried to avoid the collision but ended up hitting Coghlan's door.

Coghlan suffered a broken leg and collarbone.

"I'm pretty sore but I'm coming round," she said Wednesday.

She had three passengers in her car. The front seat passenger hurt her hip in the accident; Coghlan's son in the back had his eye cut from glass and was taken to Peterborough for further tests on Wednesday.

Coghlan says Townsend was slightly injured when her airbag went off and her passenger, her daughter, suffered a sprained ankle.

The Harcourt accident was the worst of nine throughout the county on Monday. Most of the other accidents were caused by black ice. There were personal injuries in two of those accidents, police say.

For the birders

Saturday sees 20 local enthusiasts aiming their binoculars towards the skies for annual Christmas Bird Count

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Local birders armed with only binoculars and a keen sense of observation provide an annual "snapshot" of local birds during the annual Minden Christmas Bird Count.

North American scientists use the "snapshot" to compile with other counts performed around the continent. The research helps with the study of population information and behaviour patterns for specific bird species.

Some 20 birders can be seen along the roads staring into the bush or fields with high powered binoculars.

Bird watcher, or "birder", Ed Poropat may not get up at the crack of dawn like he used to, but he still spends hours of his

free time staring into the fields from the side of the road.

"We're always looking for that next species. If we didn't have that this would be pretty mundane. It's like finding a needle in a haystack," the local teacher says of his birding motivation.

Poropat has been a birder for more than 30 years dating back to when he was in elementary school.

Local birders are responsible for the southern portion of the county from Lochlin on County Rd. 1 south to Hwy. 121 and includes areas around Gull River and Jay Lake. The count is done every year the first Saturday after Dec. 15.

Started in the late '60s, the Christmas Bird Count has been an annual project that has involved bird watching enthusiasts from around the county.



Birding enthusiast Ed Poropat and James Kanstra check out the area they're responsible for during the Christmas Bird Count.

DARREN LUM/Echo

Eco-tourism students escape from burning cabin but lose all possessions

MARTHA PERKINS & DARREN LUM

Echo Staff

Two eco-tourism students lost all of their possessions when their Grass Lake cabin burned down on Tuesday night.

"They're shaken and upset," says Sir Sandford Fleming College representative Ted Brandon, but fellow students are giving them lots of support and the Red Cross has given them clothing and personal supplies to tide them over the first few days.

The cabin was one of eight at the end of Highland Wood Drive in Haliburton village. SSFC rents the cabins out to stu-

dents as well as faculty.

Dysart et al Fire Chief Miles Maughan says it's believed the fire was started by a candle which was left unattended on a nightstand in a bedroom. Dysart fire fighters extinguished the fire within the hour and received the call just before 9:30 PM.

"They were both able to get out without any problems," Brandon says.

Friday was the last day of exams for eco-tourism students before they head home for the Christmas break. When they return, one of the cabins, which had been used for faculty, will be vacated so the two students already have a place to stay.

County appeals not guilty verdict on tree-cutting by-law violation charges

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The county is going to appeal a ruling by a Justice of the Peace who found a local logger not guilty of breaking the county's tree-cutting by-law.

In the ruling, Justice of the Peace Jackson found the county tree cutting bylaw to be a valid and duly enacted bylaw, which creates offences and provides penalties upon conviction.

However, she said that while the coun-

ty had proof that illegal cutting had taken place, it was unable to demonstrate through evidence the location and time of the infractions.

County council, however, believes that sufficient evidence does exist to demonstrate infractions of the bylaw, and that sufficient evidence and testimony exists to justify a guilty verdict.

In a unanimous vote by county council on Wednesday, following a closed discussion, council decided to file an appeal against the ruling of the Ontario Court of Justice.



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After putting out the fire at a Sir Sandford Fleming College cabin on Grass Lake, Dysart et al firefighters attack hot spots and clear debris.

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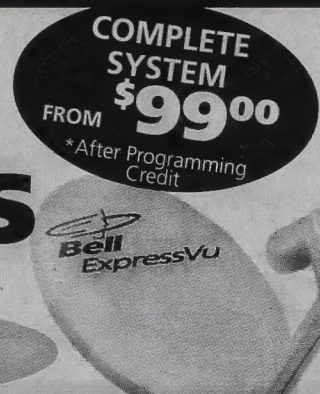
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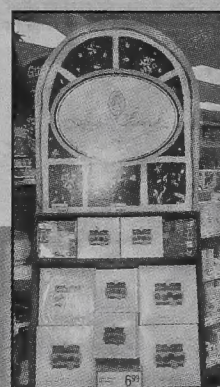
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Groundwater study to be important planning tool

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

Haliburton County will play a central role in the groundwater study of the Trent region, Dr. Robert Salter told county council on Wednesday.

"The groundbreaking work will be done in Haliburton County," said Dr. Salter of the Trent Conservation Coalition, which is spearheading the study. "You'll be getting the lion's share of the work."

Although there are relatively few well-heads in the county, many important aquifers are here.

The study, which must be completed by October 31, 2002, will do sensitivity analysis and contamination risk analysis on groundwater aquifers. This information will identify any current problems and become an essential tool in future planning decisions.

"We can identify areas that were sensitive (to development) in the past and may be in the future," Dr. Salter said. "It will give you the information that's required to adjust planning so it will have an immediate impact on your groundwater resources."

At present, he said, "no one has control of who's using water or where."

Last month, councillors hesitated about committing the county's share of \$46,000 to the project. The Ministry of Environment is committing 85% of the funding for the study, which will cost a total of \$1.4-million, but some councillors resented the Ministry's pressure tactics to make a decision soon.

Dr. Salter was asked to address county council to allay concerns. He brought

with him five other study members, including some from Conservation Areas in Ganaraska, Lindsay and Crow Valley, which councillors viewed as an indication of the project's importance.

He said the province's eagerness to do the study probably stems from the Walkerton tragedy.

Without the study, neither the province nor the county could be found to have done due diligence in protecting groundwater supplies from contamination. The province needs the information resources the regions can provide to get

the work done in a timely matter.

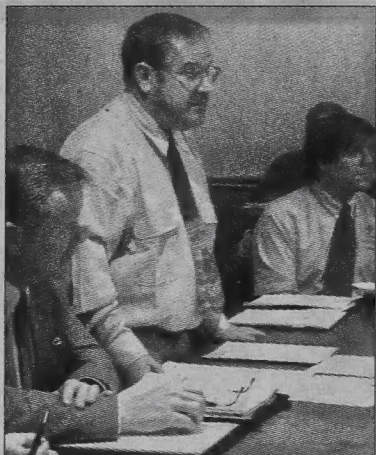
Later in the meeting, Dysart et al Bill Davis said he didn't buy the Walkerton argument. "Walkerton boils down to a criminal issue, not that there."

Davis also criticized the Trent Severn Waterway's lack of involvement in the study. Dr. Salter said that since the TSW is primarily concerned with surface water, it felt it didn't have a role to play. However, it will be kept abreast of developments and provide information whenever needed.

Asked by Davis why springs were not to be considered, Dr. Salter said they are not well-heads. However, the study will look at where the water for those springs comes from.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said the study was very important and volunteered to be one of the county's representatives; Highlands East Deputy-Reeve Chuck Viner is the other one.

Information will be gathered from a wide network of resources, including well drillers and municipal workers who are familiar with the area's topography and history, such as where old dumps are located.



Other members of the Trent Conservation Coalition join Dr. Rob Salter in addressing county council.

Water, roads to be big issues in Dysart's OP update

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

Water and roads are among the biggest issues Dysart et al will have to tackle when the municipality's official plan is updated sometime within the next two to three years.

Dysart planner Patricia Martin is already starting to get background work done on what promises to be a major project. She mentioned the work at a Dec. 3 planning committee meeting because staff need direction from council on two major issues – water and roads – before proceeding.

One of the biggest issues is "what we're doing with water in the village," Martin said.

Right now Haliburton has a sewage treatment plant but residents still get their water from private wells. Because the County of Haliburton will be looking at hydrogeological studies, Martin suggested it would be a good opportunity for the village to discuss the merits of a public water system.

She also wants councillors to think about policies regarding private roads and decide what studies need to be done in that area. "Those are the two big areas we do need some direction on right now," she told councillors.

Reeve Murray Fearrey asked Martin what can be done on official plan work in-house and what needs to be done using outside help. "This is a big job," he said.

Martin replied, "The wintertime is our down time here. It gives us more time to put stuff together."

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis added, "I

think the people around this table need to be involved."

Martin agreed with Davis and suggested having public meetings on separate issues, involving individuals as well as cottage associations. "I can see making each meeting a different subject," she said. Public meetings will likely begin next summer.

Councillor Jerry Walker wants the municipality to look into a public water supply. "I know that's a big, big step but it's something we have to work into. I think the time is right in the next three or four years to look into a water system."

Martin said not having a public water system could affect development in the village. "Are we going to lose out on development because we don't have the same facilities as other areas?" she asked. "It's a big issue."

Fearrey said, "First we have to find out where our water comes from." The other problem with providing public water is that most developments are going on outside the village, and these would be almost impossible to service with public water.

Walker said that some day the municipality could be responsible for ensuring water quality in public buildings, like schools.

Davis cautioned fellow councillors that public, chlorinated water isn't always what people want to drink. The water in Lindsay, for example, "is good," he said, "but it tastes like Hell."

Dysart has had an official plan since 1975, which needs to be updated periodically. The last time Dysart's was updated was 1990.



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Algonquin Highlands reeve elected as warden

JERRY GROZELLE

Special to The Echo

The county must find a way to help organizations which can only survive with the help of volunteers, incoming County Warden Eleanor Harrison said at her inaugural last Tuesday night.

The new warden said it has come to light over the past few months that several of the county's non-profit agencies are having some financial difficulties and are looking for the county to provide some assistance.

"Many hundreds of volunteers give many hundreds of hours of their time each year to help to make our community, the community of Haliburton County, a great place to live, work and play and it is these many volunteers who make up the non-profit agencies," she said. "They indicate they need assistance from Haliburton County to survive, however, in my opinion, Haliburton County needs these agencies and those many volunteers in order to survive."

She said the county must face this challenge head-on. "While we know we are unable to provide monies for each and every organization, we must try to be the facilitator and, hopefully, come up with a strategy that will enable all parties to remain viable. It is my intent, with the assistance of all county councillors, to meet this challenge."

Harrison is the reeve of Algonquin Highlands and was uncontested in her bid for the county's top job.

A group of local politicians, family, friends and community leaders attended the ceremony to wish the new warden well in her term of office.

Outgoing warden and reeve of Dysart

et al Murray Fearrey nominated Harrison and the nomination was seconded by Harrison's deputy-reeve Don Shortreed.

She thanked her two colleagues for their confidence in nominating her and acknowledged the importance of Shortreed's support.

Harrison noted that 2001 has been her 10th year as a county councillor. "I am hopeful the knowledge and experience gained in those 10 years will enable me to perform the warden duties and make me an excellent ambassador for Haliburton County," she said. "I know the position requires a great deal of time and energy and with the encouragement I have received from my family and, in particular, my husband, I am prepared to donate as much time as the position requires."

Harrison said Fearrey, with the assistance of county councillors, set up a three-year course to follow at the beginning of 2001. "It is my intention to keep us on course. The 9-1-1 project is extremely important to all of us and we must assure our constituents that we will continue this valuable project and, hopefully, meet all our many deadlines..."

"There will be many new and different challenges in 2002, as there is every year," she said. "I have already been accused of bringing Algonquin Highlands problems to the county table to be resolved. It sounded like a good idea at the time. Most of the problems we toss back and forth are to do with the environment — waste disposal, septage lagoons and others. I found the forum at Algonquin Highlands was very enlightening. We probably don't have a waste disposal site in the county with a life



Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison was chosen by her peers to be the new head of county council. She was sworn in at the inaugural meeting last Tuesday night.

JERRY GROZELLE/Echo

span of over 20 years. Twenty years is not a very long time."

She acknowledged that the county cannot deal with all the problems she feels are important, but she says the county needs to send a clear message to all the lower tier municipalities. "We need to make decisions on where we are going and make sure we let the lower municipalities know what we will do and what we will not do," she said. "Our environment is very important to the well being of our community and must be preserved in order that Haliburton County can remain a prime destination area for our tourists and, hopefully, a prime destination area for future economic development."

She said that Fearrey brought some ideas to the table in the past year and she feels strongly that county council must

continue to pursue new and innovative ideas to deal with waste problems.

"It will not make much difference which level of government deals with the waste management issues," she said. "They are not going to be solved easily."

Harrison noted that it was county council's decision to amalgamate into four municipalities and keep the two tier system of local government. "I supported that decision and I still do. However, I think it has never been clearly identified which tier is responsible for what."

She suggested that too often, one level of government waits to see what the other will do and nothing gets accomplished. "Waste management has come to the county table many times over the past 10 years, been resolved." She suggested clear messages defining responsibilities must be articulated.

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County council briefs

Rail corridor spending increases to address problems

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Wednesday's county council meeting.

Although the county's roads department has already spent \$6,000 more than budgeted for on the rail trail, it will have to spend an additional \$18,000 to do work that the department and councillors feel is imperative.

This year the county budgeted \$15,000 for the 33-kilometres of trail that link Haliburton village with Kilmount. So far, \$21,000 has been spent.

Councillors agreed to spend an additional \$6,000 to improve site lines at Howland Junction. The request came from the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association for safety reasons. As well, the roads department was given permission to go ahead with fixing two flooded areas and a deep wash out.

"It just goes to show we haven't been putting enough money into the trail," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said.

"There's 33 kilometres of track and we've only been going to the big problem areas. We haven't been doing anything preventative," said Doug Ray.

Last year the budget the \$20,000 and the year before it was \$7,500.

Meanwhile, councillors did not make a decision about what to do about the type of decking that should cover the 300' trestle bridge.

The HCSA, which has been granted use in the winter, needs space between the decking to prevent ice build up. Bicyclists, however, don't like having to stay on the six-inch wide beams.

How to accommodate different uses of the trail will be identified in a master plan, which is being worked on. One option would be to have a metre-wide path for bicyclists, who would also require railings.

"I don't think everyone believes the entire length of trail is suitable for every use," said CAO Gary King, who sits on the corridor committee.

Tree by-law officer

The county has hired Torben Michalsen of Whitney as its new tree by-law enforcement officer.

There were 38 applicants for the job, which became vacant after Doug Thain accepted a job with the Ministry of Natural Resources a few months ago.

Gary King says Michalsen is well qualified for the job. He has a degree in forestry and silviculture, has worked in logging and for Algonquin Park.

Roads

Cost over-runs on McGillivray Road in the east have had a ripple effect throughout the rest of the county.

Knowing that the reconstruction work was costing more than expected – the department spent 155% of the budgeted amount for the road – the county roads department pulled back on other projects, particularly Elephant Lake Road and West Kushog Lake.

The less money that was spent on construction, the less money that was spent on maintenance.

As a result, the roads department will end the year with a healthy surplus – \$88,000 in the construction budget and \$126,000 in the maintenance budget (as of December 6).

A lack of snow early this winter has helped to keep maintenance costs down. The county has spent \$75,000 less on salt this year compared to the same time period (September to December 31) last year.

As well, a twin box culvert near Pivot Lake was delayed because of new Ministry of Environment guidelines. "They're cracking down," operations manager Doug Ray.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey got an affirmative

response when he said "it's safe to assume that the two roads where money was taken away from this year will be priorities next year."

Ray says work on the West Kushog Lake Road was delayed for a year once the design estimates came in at \$350,000 a kilometres.

Rock cut

Dyna-con will be asked to fix a dangerous rock cut on County Road 648.

"We didn't see this coming, and then bang, there's six metres of rock on the road," Ray said of a rock fall that occurred six kilometres east of Highland Grove on December 2. No one was hurt and the rock was immediately cleared.

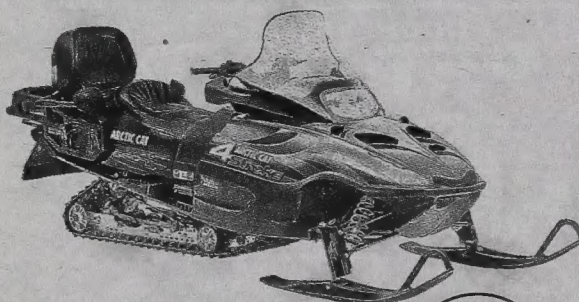
Social housing

It had been hoped that concerns about who would pay the costs of installing chlorination systems at Parklane Apartments and Echo Hills Legion Apartments would be resolved at a meeting on December 7. However, that meeting was cancelled at the request of City of Kawartha Lakes.

On April 1, responsibility for public housing is scheduled to fall under the umbrella of the social alliance between Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County. The social alliance will be responsible for housing and social services, such as welfare.

However, King says that Kawartha Lakes is no longer certain it wants social housing to fall under the alliance's auspices. Kawartha Lakes will have to resolve that issue before the chlorination dilemma can be addressed.

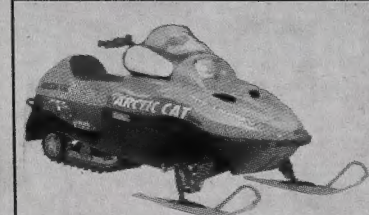
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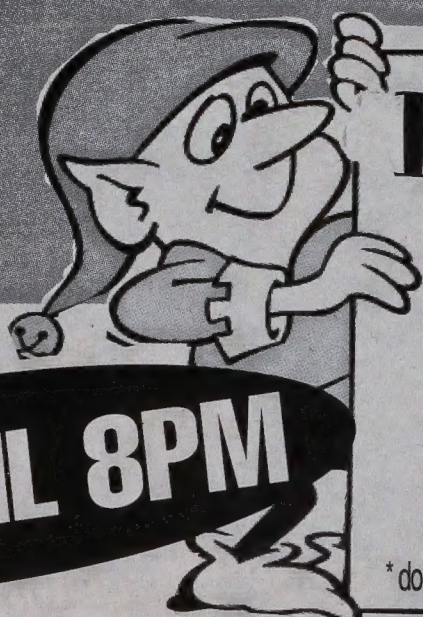
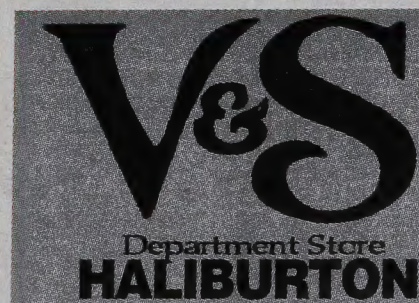
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Home grown cash

As much as Highlanders often cast an envious look Muskoka way, if you actually drove through Muskoka's towns and villages in the winter, you'd be amazed at how many shops and restaurants are closed for the season. Streets that bustle with activity in the summer can seem quite deserted once the cold weather hits.

Why then can Haliburton's stores afford to stay open year round? (Or is it that most simply can't afford to close for the winter because they don't make as much money as their Muskoka brethren in the summer?)

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editorial

— martha perkins

Haliburton's economy is like our soil - thin, with lots of rocks. But there's lots of it spread over hill and valley. Just as there are no lush fields, there are no large manufacturers but on our back roads there are people getting by with small, independent ventures. Maybe they're a carpenter working odd jobs or a craftsperson getting ready for the next study tour. The money's not much, but it's enough to live on. Even on main street the stores may not be as crowded as city malls, but there are enough customers to keep the lights on and the staff working.

Our economy's metaphorical rock, the bane of the early settlers' existence, is our dependence on the weather. As downtown merchants know, winter's not winter until it snows and people need to buy new boots or block heaters. Likewise, we need warm, dry weekends in the summer to convince cottagers and tourists that now's a good time to visit.

Add all of this up and you can come to a rather generalized conclusion: no one's getting rich by living in the Highlands, but a whole lot of people are finding ways to make this economy work to their advantage so they can continue living in such a beautiful place. We may not have the glitz of Muskoka, but we have a stable foundation that doesn't rely on the summer sun. (Now if we could have a bit more glitz to sparkle up that foundation...)

And all of this is a rather lengthy preamble to the argument about why Dysart council should welcome a Farmers' Market in Haliburton. Our economy is made out of a lot of little parts, and the people who till the fields and tap the maple trees and can preserves all add up to the larger economic picture. They may be small players, but who in Haliburton is a big one? By allowing them a venue to sell their produce and products, it's one more way of contributing to the overall economic health of the community. Yes, there have to be controls to make sure it doesn't turn into an outdoor flea market, but Farmers' Markets in other communities have been a popular draw for shoppers.

If downtown merchants are worried about the competition, think about the Studio Tour. Sure it attracts people to back roads locations, but since many of the patrons are cottagers, that means they also have to buy groceries and gas. Hey, they're in a shopping mood. All businesses benefit from the Tour's popularity. A Farmers' Market may not have the same pull, but it would be an incentive to bring shoppers into town on a Saturday morning. Every purchase helps, whether it's a dozen ears of corn or a bottle of homemade chili sauce. Allow those farmers more access to consumers, and they'll make more money - and spend more money. Every dollar counts in an economy like Haliburton's.



First snow, near Northshore Road

photo by Darren Lum/Echo

The joy of giving

Everyone knows that it is better to give than to receive. That is why what I am about to offer is so remarkable. That's right, for a limited time only, I'm accepting Christmas gifts. Oh, I know I'm being far too selfless but, by all accounts, giving is better. And, as has often been said, my readers deserve much better than me.

Some cynics would say I'm doing this for personal gain. They might even believe that heaps of riches, fine fly rods, expensive bass boats and jewel-encrusted shotguns are far too extravagant considering my obvious lack of literary talent. But don't you believe them.

After all, this is not about me.

No, it's about making you feel full of the Christmas spirit, just as I am full of it. And, believe me, I am full of it.

What do you get an outdoorsman who has absolutely everything? I'm not sure, but here's what I need:

For starters, how about a retriever that doesn't fake a back injury every time I drop a Canada goose?

Even better, why not hunting buddies who'll remember hits with greater clarity than those rare misses?

And you'd think that someone ought to make a fish scale that has the good sense to agree with me. If you know of any, I'd take one.

I'd also be delighted to receive snowshoe bindings that bind my boots to the snowshoes rather than my snowshoes to the stump.

Better yet, it would be wonderful to have a secret brook trout spot that isn't a secret to the brook trout as well.

What outdoorsman wouldn't appreciate hunting grounds that don't straddle the corner of four topographical maps and two provinces? Just a hint.

If there's a product out there that allows the biggest fish get to my lure before the multitudes

of smaller ones do, that'd be a great stocking stuffer.

Moreover, I'd be tickled pink if someone could find a way to make beginner's luck retroactive. Or, at the very least, keep beginners away from me until years of experience have eroded whatever talent and enthusiasm they started with.

Dark sunglasses would prove useful so I wouldn't have to see the game you always tend

to see when you don't have a gun. Maybe, if I wore them while shooting at ruffed grouse, people would stop joking around about getting me a pointer that doubles as a seeing eye dog.

I would also like a pair of brush pants that aren't so irresistible to Mississippi Leg Hounds and burrs.

Could someone please give me a video that shows how to break 100 straight clay pigeons without having to drop them on the way to the thrower?

You know, now that I think of it,

I could also use a shotgun with a front bead sight that actually works. The one I have now has an aversion to game.

I'd like a fishnet that only has a hole at one end.

Here's a good one. How about if one of you fine people gave me a season's worth of ice fishing holes that actually work? Last year I bought a dozen from some passing snowmobiler and though they looked good in the box, they proved useless when I tried to install them in three feet of ice. I can't complain too much though, they worked great in summer.

I'd like a fly rod that didn't hamper my naturally athletic style of casting by wrapping sixty feet of fly line around me. I've tried casting lessons and they just don't help. It must be the rod. Really.

Well those are just a few suggestions to get you in the Christmas spirit. I hope they brought you good cheer. As for myself, now I'm depressed.

the not so great



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One child's Christmas

LAURA WAS HAVING AN EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT time deciding what to buy. Before her lay a long aisle of display tables on which a rainbow of beautiful costume jewellery glittered under the store lights. Should she purchase the blue and silver-coloured rhinestone necklace for her great aunt or the ruby and gold-hued bracelet? Aunt Anne was Laura's favourite great aunt and she wanted to convey that somehow by her gift. But Aunt Anne's jewellery was only part of Laura's dilemma. Here it was a week before Christmas and she still had many gifts to buy. Thank goodness for good old Woolworth's.

Laura was a thrifty girl. Every year she saved part of her allowance in a special account the bank encouraged for Christmas funds. At the end of the better part of a year, she had enough money to buy all the important people in her life a gift of her own choosing. But the choosing part was the hardest part. There were so many choices. A boxed set of lace handkerchiefs for her grandmother or a boxed set of bath powders and oils? A nice scarf for her dad or an eye-catching pair of argyle socks? Her brother was easy; anything with wheels would do for him. But the rest were less obvious. So Laura tramped up and down Woolworth's aisles, stopping to look at the budgies and gold fish of course, as her body became warmer and warmer from the weight of her winter coat.

Finally, with most of her shopping completed, she lugged the parcels over to the store's lunch counter and treated herself to a butterscotch sundae, cherry and all. As she sat at the counter, swinging her legs and feeling the sundae's cold sweetness on her tongue, she mentally checked off her list with a satisfied slurp of whipped cream. Her Christmas shopping was officially completed.

Walking home in the quickly falling darkness, Laura had to stop several times to adjust her parcels. But the beautiful Christmas lights she saw along the way were a pleasant distraction. The lights were a gift; a gift to everyone who saw them.

One house was outlined in blue lights with a huge silver wreath on its door. Blue sparkled from the eaves and around the windows and the evergreens looked like clusters of sapphires in the snowy boughs. Another house was red and green with a large Rudolf on the lawn pulling a sleigh overflowing with presents. And there were many others as she walked through the slushy sidewalks, her wet feet beginning to catch her attention. Blinking lights, spotlights, wisemen traipsing across yards and angels outlined against brick walls.

As she turned onto her own street, her eyes sought out the lights of her home. The red and green spotlights illuminated the giant candy cane her father had made the year before. The engineering feat required to hold it in place against all two stories of the house's front, was a fact that Laura would appreciate when she was older. For now, she was just glad to reach home, take off her wet boots and replace them with her snugly slippers. Then she had to hide her presents where her pesky brother wouldn't be able to find them. Even when the gifts were wrapped, he had the annoying ability to guess what was inside and so Laura kept him away from the presents as long as she could, any way she could. She never understood why anyone would want to know ahead of time what she or he was getting for Christmas. Laura liked suspense.

In fact she liked suspense so much that she tried to drag the family rituals out as long as possible, to increase the anticipation of good things to follow. On Christmas Eve, and to the great consternation of her brother, Laura tended to dawdle over her supper, knowing there was so much to come before she went to bed. There would be final touches to the tree, and the reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. When mom lighted the red candles, it was a signal to get their Christmas stockings and lay them out by the fireplace. Food for Santa and his reindeer was left prominently on the kitchen table and homemade cookies and eggnog were ready for Laura and her brother. As a special treat once a year, they were allowed to eat in the living room, where they sat in front of the fire watching the flames dance as they munched, trying to contain their excitement.

Then it was off to bed. Here again, Laura was faced with a dilemma. She wanted to stay awake, in the hope of hearing Santa touch down on her roof. But she was also afraid that so doing might somehow jinx Santa's visit, just as spying on him would result in a lump of coal in her stocking. The excitement didn't help her to drop off to sleep quickly or easily either.

Before she knew it however, it was morning. The cold bright light of a winter morning poured through her window. Jumping out of bed, she first looked out her bedroom window, checking out the lawn below. Laura always looked for tell tale signs of Santa's sleigh or small hoof prints. She was really almost too old to believe in Santa, but she desperately wanted to find proof that she could throw at those friends more cynical than she. As she gazed on the flawless white surface, her brother pounded on her door to call her downstairs. Years before, they had got into the habit of descending the stairs to first gaze upon the tree together. He may be a pest, Laura thought, but she would try to be nice to him. After all, it was Christmas.



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Pic of the Past

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letters to the editor

System ignoring the elderly

To the Editor:

Our county seems to be moving in the direction of ignoring the needs of our elderly.

My mother, who lives with us, is 80 years old and we have had a nurse visit us once every two weeks for over a year to check her vital signs, her legs and feet for infection and her general well being.

She has congestive heart failure, is almost blind, on blood thinners, intermittent balance problems, diabetic requiring blood testing and insulin injections twice daily, edema (blistering) on both legs that are prone to infection, blood blisters that form on her toes that are prone to infection, hard time waking and getting into vehicles, a pacemaker which is running down and will have to be replaced in the near future at the Peterborough Pacemaker Clinic or hospital.

She also spent a week in the hospital with a foot infection

that was noticed by a visiting nurse.

After a visit from one of the Access Centre's case managers, we were informed that my mother's nurse visits, once every two weeks, would be denied starting January 2002 because she no longer met with their 2001/2002 budget reducing strategy. I made myself clear at this time that because of my mother's health problems that I would be pursuing this further.

It seems to me that the budget-reducing strategy of the administration at the Access Centre is more interested in saving money than lives and whoever is responsible for this type of decision-making should be ashamed of themselves. Some of their budget strategy will actually increase the cost to our health care system by their referring some of their clients to go to their doctors or the hospital rather than have an occasional nurse's visit.

It seems to me that the elderly

who have sacrificed so much for the freedoms we now take for granted, are being forgotten and pushed aside or buried — not in the ground as yet but in the paper work and budget-reducing strategies it takes to get them there.

There is obviously a slow destruction of our health care happening and I can see that if allowed to continue, it will be a "user pay" system, where the people with the money will live longer than those that can't afford appropriate health care.

Let's not be an uncaring community. It is time to speak out and protect our elderly, protect our seniors and ultimately, yourself, your children and grand children.

Write your local MPs and newspapers. Let them know your dilemmas caused by this budget reducing strategy and shameful decision making.

Frank Robertson
Miskawbi Lake

Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



College thanks fire department and Red Cross for their response

To the Editor:

We would like to extend our deepest thanks to the members of the Haliburton Volunteer Fire Fighters. Their rapid response and quick action to the fire at our residence cottages was something to behold. More importantly, the compassion they displayed towards the affected students will have a lasting impression for years to come.

Although the cottage could not be saved, our faith in

human nature has been reinforced as the community has rallied behind those affected.

Also, special thanks to Cathy Franklin and Hugh Reynolds of the Red Cross Personal Disaster Program. They arrived at the cottage the next morning to assist our displaced students with emergency relief.

Thank you to all involved. Your efforts are to be commended.

The Students and Staff,
Sir Sandford Fleming
College,

Stanhope soccer league big on books

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the Stanhope Soccer League, Joan Sobil and the Algonquin Highlands Council for the generous donation of \$750. This money will be used by the Haliburton County Public Library to buy children's books that will be housed in the Stanhope Branch.

It is wonderful to see the children stream in the library after soccer games on Tuesday nights during June, July and August. There are independent readers as well as many parents who take books to read to their chil-

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Sherrill Sherwood
Stanhope Branch Supervisor

Nurse Practitioners a healthy alternative

by F.P.J. RIMROTT

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES - male and well as female - headed for university now have an additional choice when it comes to selecting a profession they may want to join for a rewarding life-long career - Nurse Practitioner.

Medical education is very expensive and access to medical schools in Ontario is nowadays limited and complicated. For high school students contemplating a career in the health sciences a dispiriting outlook indeed; in view of the doctor shortage a strange state of affairs and a sorry legacy of the Harris years at Queen's Park!

Access to nursing schools on the other hand is far more reasonable, and the rewards in caring for the sick are comparable, if not greater.

University nursing schools received a cash infusion and are now in the process of expanding their programs by adding more spaces for those who want to become Acute Care Nurse Practitioners, qualified and able to provide primary medical care.

To become a Nurse Practitioner, five year of university studies are required, typically the standard four-year course leading to the degree of Bachelor of Nursing (B.N.) or bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.Sc.N.), plus one year of postgraduate studies leading to the degree of Master of Nursing (M.N.) Eight universities in Ontario offer these degrees: Lakehead University, McMaster, Ottawa, Queen's, Ryerson, Toronto and Western Ontario.

The four-year bachelor program consists of the typical subjects of an academic nursing program. Graduates of such a program become Registered Nurses (R.N.) with the College of Nurses of Ontario. Those who want to leave university at this point in their career can do so. Their job prospects are excellent, in Ontario's expanding hospital system as well as in other established

and newly evolving health care delivery agencies.

The one-year Master of Nursing program is designed to prepare students, who have the potential to advance to leadership positions in the health care system, for advanced work in nursing, including that of Nurse Practitioner with specialized skills and knowledge in acute care.

Admission requirements include a completed B.N. or B.Sc.N. degree. In consultation and under the supervision of a faculty advisor students for the M.N. select courses they ought to take. For candidate Nurse Practitioner courses such as Health Assessment and Clinical Reasoning, Pathophysiologic Concepts, Therapeutics, Pharmacology, Advanced Nursing Practice, Group Process and Professional Practice, and others are offered.

There are tremendous opportunities for graduates of the master's program. They can become Registered Nurse Practitioners (R.N.(EC)) with the College of Nurses of Ontario. They find employment in hospitals, with organizations such as Telehealth Ontario, the VON, other clinical agencies, and in particular with the new 7-day 24-hour primary care clinics that are being established in urban, rural, and northern Ontario.

The primary health care provider of the future will be the Nurse Practitioner, who will take the place of the medical practitioner at first, and in the many less serious cases, only contact. OHIP can no longer afford the luxury of an expensive medical practitioner for each and every minor ailment.

Entering the profession of Nurse Practitioner becomes attractive for young men, an affirmative action that will bring the nursing profession into the 21st Century and rectify the women/men ratio in the profession from the present dismal 96.8% women to only 3.2% men.

Fred Rimrott is a retiree living in the Carnarvon area.

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Professional building also being considered next to Haliburton Hospital

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empty lots owned by Dysart that were purchased from Don Finn.

Loucks said, "A benefactor has come forward with a proposal for a tribute park." The park would be a peaceful, wooded retreat with pathways that would allow residents of Highland Wood, patients at the hospital and their visitors, to go for a walk in a quiet, contemplative setting.

"I'm hearing from the patients and particularly their families that there's nowhere to go for a walk," Loucks said.

The area immediately adjacent to the hospital would be preserved as a green belt area that would improve the appearance of the hospital itself and provide a buffer between it and the other lots.

"We're asking that consideration be given to gifting these two lots to the hospital," Loucks said. Later in council discussions he said even one lot would be appreciated.

Popple added, "Ownership of land is not an issue to us. Even if you [Dysart] wanted to control it, that would be fine."

As for the other three lots near in the hospital, still owned by Dysart, Loucks said local doctors are kicking around the idea of constructing a professional building. This is only an idea at this point - no applications have been made and nothing is concrete - but Loucks explained HHHS thinks the idea has some merit.

"Overall we support the idea of trying to develop our health services on the model of one stop shopping," he said. A building with a pharmacy, laboratory and doctors' offices near the hospital would be a benefit to the community. "Having all of that clustered in one area

makes a lot of sense to us."

Loucks said "there may be some potential" in the piece of land owned by Dysart near the hospital. But he also said it may not be big enough for such an undertaking.

Reeve Murray Fearrey acknowledged there have been preliminary discussions about the idea with physicians but there are many issues that need to be dealt with - among them is the value of the property in question.

"We have taxpayers' money in there. We have to think of the best use for the lands," Fearrey said. "There are still a lot of unanswered questions here."

Councillor Dan Kay asked if HHHS had thought about putting a tribute park on the Grass Lake side of the hospital. Loucks said he had, but there is a possibility that a complex continuing care wing might eventually be built on that part of the hospital property. "But it's not out of the question, sure," Loucks said.

Councillor Jerry Walker said he understands how important health services are to communities. "This is a good opportunity to do some long-term planning here. It might be something we could work together on."

Councillor Bill Davis voiced a concern that a possible melding of health services in one area could leave empty buildings in other areas.

Fearrey acknowledged his concern by saying, "There are some people who have made major investments in this community and they will want to know the eventual outcome of this and so would you if you were the one with the investment."

Council will consider the request.



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Funny money, fun gifts

The Bank of Montreal's Canadian Tire Toy Drive resulted in more than \$500 worth of toys for the 4Cs to distribute to local children. This is an ongoing effort using customers' donated Canadian Tire money to purchase Christmas gifts. Camarvon building Supplies also participated and Bracebridge Canadian Tire provided toy discounts. The "Fountain of Hope", the bank's national employee foundation, also presented \$526 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. There has been \$6,000 donated to the HHHSF in the last three years raised through fundraising and employee contributions. From left are the Bank of Montreal's Cheryl Pearson, Brenda Fearrey, Barb Wood, Cathy Chumbley, HHHSF's Don Popple, Nelly Ashworth, HHHSF manager Dale Walker and Sheri Whiteway.

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Sounds Like Christmas

Highlights from Sunday's concert at the Northern Lights Pavilion include:

Above: Conductor Lorelyn Morgan leads The Haliburton County Children's Chamber Choir, The Haliburton County Children's Choir, The Highlands Brass Quintet and The Jubilate Chamber singers in the concert's final performance, a rendition of Joy to the World.

Right: The Jubilate Chamber Singers pretended to be the orchestra and the ballet dancers for the Dance of the Sugar-Plum Fairy from the Nutcracker ballet.

Bottom right: The Haliburton County Children's Choir sing Sleigh Ride.

Below: Raucous applause followed every performance especially the Jubilate Chamber Singers' rendition of the Sugar-Plum Fairy from the Nutcracker complete with dancing and a tutu.

Photos by Darren Lum



Toy drive now as successful as food hamper donations

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ing on these women, who tackle the job of wrapping more than 300 presents with good humour and grace.

The response to this year's toy campaign has been "excellent," Smith says. Not that this year has been better than others, because it's not. Smith describes it as being "routinely good."

Barry says "every year it's unbelievable." But it wasn't so good back in 1979 when the campaign first started. Smith points to a large box containing 30 or more dinky cars. "When they first started they would take a box like this and break it apart and give each child one little car. That was their present."

These days the campaign is so successful that a child might receive a parcel containing a book and a pair of mitts and a stuffed animal. The volunteers don't know who the gifts go to - all they know is the age and gender of the children.

"It takes between 90 and 100 hours to

put this together," Smith says. It's a big job but all the volunteers really enjoy it. "It is just nice," she says. "It's a pleasant time. A labour of love."

It's not necessarily so easy for the people who pick up the hampers full of toys and food. They come to the food bank on Dec. 21 to pick up the parcels and it's not likely the easiest thing in the world.

As Smith talks, Trautman and Nunn are busy wrapping. "Can I say something?" Trautman interjects. She helped at the food bank last year and enjoyed herself so much she's doing it again this year. "Yes, it's embarrassing for the people who need this help," she says. "But when they walk in the door everyone is so warm and friendly and welcoming that it makes them feel comfortable. It's really nice."

"There's nothing that gets me in the Christmas spirit as much as working here," she adds. "No matter how many presents are under the tree."

When the toys are all wrapped they are



CATHY OLLIFFE/ECHO

Volunteers Bob Thompson, Ave Petch and Murray Tripp have been busy packing the 4Cs Christmas hampers with generous donations from the community.

added to big cardboard boxes full of food and food vouchers for perishables.

On the same day the ladies at St. Anthony's are wrapping toys, Ave Petch, Murray Tripp and Bob Thompson are sorting out cartons full of food across the street at the food bank. The room is bright with multi-coloured cans of staples: things such as vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce, tinned hams, rice, cereal, pasta, flour, sugar and apple juice. Two hundred of each "staple" are ordered through the local grocery stores and paid for with donations. The actual grocery items that people donate are added to the cache of food - items such as cake mixes are considered to be treats.

There are so many people who help out that Petch is reluctant to start naming them "in case I leave someone out." But she does try. There's Camp Northland that packs up all the unused food at the end of the summer - dried beans, soup mixes and cereals - and donates it to the food bank. There's the Bank of Montreal that collects Canadian Tire money and then takes it to a nearby Canadian Tire and buys toys. There's the local food stores, Valu-mart and IGA.

"They're both extremely good to us. We can't praise them enough, or one over the other," Petch says.

There's the Lions Club that collects coins at the Santa Claus Parade every year and somehow manages to turn a pocketful of change into more than \$300. Hydro One and Bell Telephone workers contribute gifts, as do other local businesses and many individuals.

"We had one person come in today with a cheque for \$300," Petch says. "You know the Miracle on 34th Street? Well, this is the Miracle of Maple Avenue."

She got involved a long time ago when the priest at her church sent her on a bit of a guilt trip. "I remember my priest telling me to put my money where my mouth is," she says, smiling.

Mike Easton from Valu-mart even supplies the volunteers with coffee and treats. Speaking of which, Topson and Tripp have taken a break from their work over by the coffee pot.

Tripp says, "This community has been marvellous. The good Lord has been good to us. We've been blessed."



Wrapping up magic: clockwise from top, left, Elaine Nunn, Rose Barry, Aggie Tose, Betty Smith and Maria Trautman help kids have a great Christmas.

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Bancroft Minden Crown Management Unit

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This annual work schedule is available for inspection at the ministry's Bancroft and Minden offices and the Bancroft Minden Forest Company office during regular business hours beginning December 14, 2001.

The annual work schedule describes forest management activities (timber harvesting, road construction and maintenance, site preparation, tree planting, and tending) that are planned for the April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002 period.

All forestry operations have been previously planned and approved in a forest management plan.

A mapped summary of the scheduled forest management operations is available on request by contacting the ministry in Bancroft or Minden or the company office in Bird's Creek.

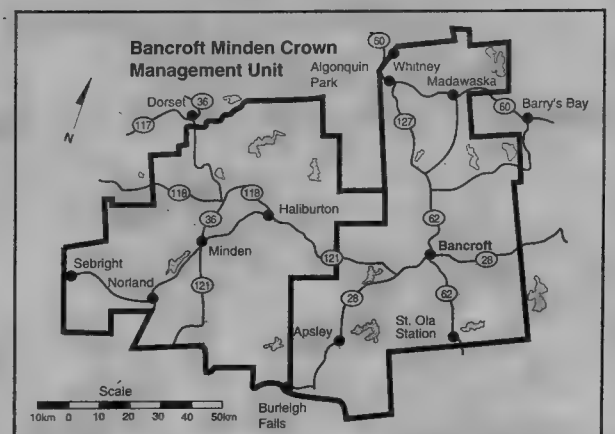
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Trillium Lakelands board of education briefs

HHSS students turn the community into their classroom

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The following are brief reports from Tuesday night's meeting of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board at the board office in Haliburton.

The new curriculum wants students to make connections, and that's exactly what Dave Mowat's science students have done. Through working on various projects in the Highlands, they've made the connection between what they learn in class and the environmental health and sustainability of their community.

In doing so, they've not only learned about science, but they've taken pride in their accomplishments and developed skills and interests that could lead to future careers.

Mowat and six HHSS students gave the trustees a slide show outlining the work they've done, particularly with the shoreline study of the Deer Point condominium development and the Drag River Rehabilitation Project.

"Hal High kids own the river," Mowat said. "They've built this environment from the ground up."

That work was the foundation on which the Deer Point experience was built. The work done by students to document the property's shoreline health would normally be done by consultants. "We've never had condos before and to get everyone's comfort level up, they wanted to turn to people they could trust," Mowat said of the school's assignment.

Other people might see Deer Point for its real estate value, but student Amanda



HHSS science students Chris Bishop, Jenn Moynes, Laura Kennedy, Lisa Gorman, Amanda Boughner and Justin Sharpley made a presentation about their work to trustees on Tuesday night.

Boughner said "when we look at Deer Point we see it as our learning environment."

Working with the students have been the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ministry of Environment.

As the students, Mowat and Principal Gary Brohman prepared to leave, board chairman Rick Johnson thanked them for their presentation, and also thanked Mowat for being a teacher.

Mowat, referring to the students, replied "these guys are the heart and soul of it."

Director of education David Hill praised outgoing chairperson Judy Saunders. "I want to thank Judy for her leadership," Hill said. "She always maintains the best interests of the students at heart and shows integrity."

"These are big shoes to fill," Johnson agreed as he took the chair.

In a press release issued the next day he says "we're at a critical time in this province. We have to stand up for our students and work hard to make sure they get the very best education we can offer, but we have to keep pressuring the province to make sure we get the funding to do that."

Johnson was first elected to the board in 1997 and lives in the Pontypool area. He is a self-employed musician and children's entertainer. He and his wife were responsible for the CD of children from across the district singing their school song as a millennium project.

King was elected in 2000 to prepresent Gravenhurst, Muskoka and Georgian Bay. She and her husband own a business in Gravenhurst and she is president of the Gravenhurst Chamber of Commerce.

"We must keep fighting for public education and continue to be responsive to the community and ensure their voices are heard."

Head of the table

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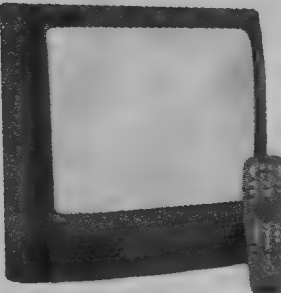
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Festive R.I.D.E. stats a concern to OPP

Statistics released during the first week of the festive R.I.D.E. initiative in Central Region are a concern to the Ontario Provincial Police.

From November 29 to December 5 the number of 12-hour suspensions for drinking drivers has increased 96 percent

Most Haliburton drivers follow rules

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police has started the Festive R.I.D.E. program for 2001.

During the week of November 29 to December 5th the following incidents occurred.

- # of Vehicles Checked 621
- # of 12 Hour Suspensions 1
- # of Impaired or over 80 mgs charges 0
- # of Personal Injury Collisions 0
- # of Personal Damage Collisions 5
- # of other Charges including Highway Traffic Act and Liquor Act 6

over figures from the same period last year. The number of administrative driver licence suspensions increased 150 percent and drivers charged with impaired, over 80 or refusing to provide a breath sample has risen from 15 last year to 35 this year. The number of vehicles checked during this period decreased by 900 over the same period last year.

Traffic Inspector Al Perry is concerned by the increased trend in drivers who continue to drink and drive.

"Officers working on our highways and secondary roads are finding that majority of offenders are driving after drinking between 6 p.m. and midnight. Officers will continue to battle this trend and try to reduce the number of drinking offenders by continuing their roadside checks."

the Ontario Provincial Police continue to remind motorists that it is your responsibility to ensure you do not drink and then drive this season and every day. Make our roadways safe this year for everyone.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Good eats:

Legion member, Al Degrave cooks up some pancakes at the bi-weekly Legion Pancake Breakfast in Haliburton one recent Sunday morning. The breakfast runs from 10:30 to 1:30 PM every other Sunday at the Haliburton Legion. Because of the Christmas holidays, the next breakfast won't be until the new year.

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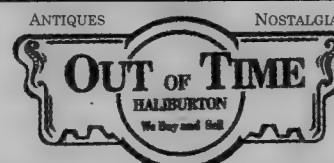


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Dysart et al council briefs

Dysart opposes wolf hunting moratorium proposal

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

The following are briefs from a Dec. 10 meeting of Dysart et al council.

Dysart councillors disagree with a proposed moratorium on hunting and trapping wolves in the municipalities surrounding Algonquin Provincial Park.

For the last two years conservationists, environmentalists, biologists, park officials and hunters have been studying red wolves, gray wolves and coyotes in the park. Recently they have sent a letter around to municipalities and organizations that could be affected, asking for comments and input.

Councillor Jerry Walker told The Echo that logging practises in the park have had an impact on beaver and deer populations, and because beavers and deer are an important food source for wolves, wolves are leaving the sanctuary of the park to follow beavers and deer, and will be hunted and trapped elsewhere.

Officials would like to see a 30-month moratorium on hunting and trapping of red and gray wolves in the townships surrounding the park. Coyotes, Walker said, are cross-bred red and gray wolves and it's difficult to tell the difference between the three types. Walker said in the 30 years he has been hunting in the Highlands he has only seen three wolves and he found it almost impossible to tell what kind of wolves they were. He also said wolves are "very smart animals" and difficult to hunt and/or trap.

Walker said the proposal "is pretty general" and that if such a moratorium goes ahead, it could have an impact on recreational hunting and trapping and further expand to affect deer and moose hunting.

"Some of the trappers are worried if they impose this they could trap the wrong kind of wolf by accident," he said.

He's also worried that if the wolf population is

allowed to grow unchecked that there won't be enough food to feed them and then a moratorium could be issued on deer and beaver so the wolves would have enough to eat. Such a moratorium would stir a major controversy in Haliburton, he said.

Because of these reasons, Dysart will be sending comments back saying the township is against any such moratorium within its borders.

Sewer cameras

Next year Dysart will be looking at installing cameras in the township's sewage treatment system to monitor what is going on down there. There was also some discussion about electrical motors used at the plant and after some back-and-forth conversations about the issue, Reeve Murray Fearrey said it would be a good idea to "have someone who knows" about this kind of thing in to discuss it.

Speaking of sewers, Walker suggested that when the new college campus at Sir Sandford Fleming College is built, the municipality might want to think about extending the sewer line to include the museum.

The township will look into it.

Flyers in tax bills

Municipalities get many requests from organizations wanting to include advertising flyers in with tax bills. Usually the requests are from non-profit organizations and the latest is from Haliburton County Home Support Services wanting to put a flyer in with Dysart's final tax notice.

"I don't know about this flyer business, these flyers going in the tax bills," Fearrey commented. "I guess it's helpful to them."

The municipality is gearing up to get the bills out in January and have them due 21 days later, at the end of February. Getting them out is a big job and clerk-administrator Donna McCallum would rather not impede the process by adding flyers. "I really encour-

age council not to include flyers in the final billing."

Farmers' market

Dysart has been asked for comments from the Farmers' Market Association. Councillor Leon Jones said a request for a farm market in Haliburton was turned down last year.

Fearrey said, "I have a problem with this if they're going to reach out to farms outside the county to sell their stuff here. We have regular stores that employ people year round," he said. "If it's local produce, I don't have a problem with it. If it's bananas, or something else that's not grown here, I do have a problem with it."

Jones added, "It's hard for these stores to make a living as it is."

Councillor Bill Davis said farmers' markets also often include crafts imported from outside the county that compete with local crafts people.

Councillors agreed to have farm market representatives visit council at an upcoming meeting to discuss the issue.

Dog sled derby

Councillors agreed to donate \$2,000 to the Haliburton Sled Dog Derby. McCallum said organizers won't know exactly how much money they need until some of their grants are confirmed and the date is closer but Fearrey explained, "They've agreed if they don't spend the money they'll save it for next year."

Miskwabi plowing

Dysart will look after snowplowing in the KOB subdivision at Miskwabi Lake. Councillors agreed to plow in the subdivision because there are people living there year round now.

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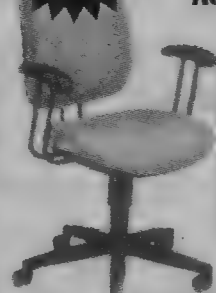
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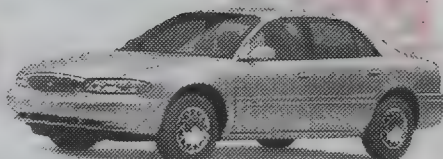
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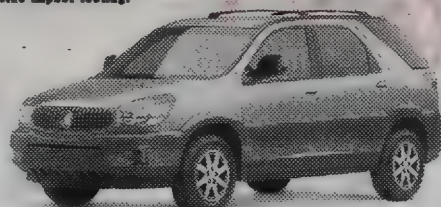
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Highlands East council briefs

Proposal for off-road facility withdrawn

KERRY RILEY

Special to The Echo

The following is a brief synopsis of discussions held during the December 11 Highlands East council meeting.

In the face of near overwhelming opposition to the plan, Robert and Connie Greenlaw have, according to Deputy Reeve Chuck Viner, "reconsidered their proposal," to develop an off-road motorcycle facility in the Tamarack Lake area near Gooderham.

Viner was reporting on a recent telephone conversation he had had with the couple. "They are not unreasonable people," Viner noted, explaining that upon reviewing some objections brought forward by area residents, which they had not considered before, the Greenlaws concluded that they should look elsewhere.

Opposition was present at the meeting in person, in the form of several Tamarack Lake area residents; represented by Tamarack Lake Road Ratepayers Association spokesperson Brent Wootten, who outlined their concerns to council. Primary amongst these were sound pollution, environmental damage, safety and security issues such as "increased traffic, partying, drinking, vandalism, trespassing...illegal parking and camping" and the potential devaluation of property.

Viner informed Wootten that members of council had already visited the site to assess the viability of the proposed development, and had concluded, independently, that the site was not

compatible with the use intended by the Greenlaws. Highlands East CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig also advised council that she had received "numerous" letters of concern from residents and that the MNR had expressed concerns as well.

A resolution passed declining approval for the rezoning request originally put forward by the Greenlaws, on the grounds that the intended use was not compatible with the surrounding area.

Insurance costs up

After considering presentations from both the Frank Cowan Insurance Company and Jardine Lloyd Thompson Canada, Ltd., council opted to renew their liability insurance policy with the latter for the amount of \$63,110 plus tax. This represents a significant increase over last year's rates of \$41,688 (which included taxes).

Randy Cowan of Frank Cowan Insurance noted that, surprisingly, it was not the terrorist attacks of September 11 which had the greatest impact on insurance rates. Rates, he said, were already expected to rise by at least 20 percent prior to September. Rather it was the effects of provincial downloading of services that has had by far the larger negative impact on premiums.

Insurance companies in general, he explained, had decreased premiums in the expectation that amalgamations would result in a decrease in claims, but in fact, the opposite has occurred. The decrease in local service provision, which amalgamations inevitably caused, has resulted in an increased

DARREN LUM/Echo



Zachary and Gregory Metzger indulge at the re-opening of the Highland Grove Recreation Centre. The centre was used for Cardiff Township's administrative offices from 1995 until the recent amalgamation. Former Reeve Tom Elliot and the seven-person committee oversaw the opening.

number of claims. These figures, he said, may even out somewhat over the next three or four years, as new administrations and service providers become more familiar with their service areas.

Garbage tender

As no one but the incumbent responded to a tender for garbage and recyclables collection in Bicroft, council re-awarded the contract to Denis Foster Enterprises, at a cost of \$2,523 per month plus GST, for a period of one year. This amounts to a cost of approximately \$2.44 per household per week. Bicroft Councillor Bill Howe reiterated his idea that it would be worthwhile for the township to consider taking over this service.

A rave in Haliburton?

Chuck Viner advised council that during a discussion of a recent large rave gathering in Bobcaygeon, police advised him

that there were rumours that a similar event might be expected in Haliburton County next summer, and to be kept abreast of any relevant information councillors might come across.

Gooderham roads

Viner also conveyed several comments he had received from Glamorgan residents, praising the excellent work done by the Highlands East Roads Department. "The roads have never been better," said one satisfied resident.

Budget news is good

CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig advised council that she expected Highlands East to round out the year with a surplus, and that the township is, financially, in good shape. A resolution passed allowing transfer of said surplus to reserve funds, at her discretion.

Fire agreements

Fire agreements with Minden

Hills, regarding parts of the former township of Snowdon, and with Dysart regarding Harcourt and parts of Glamorgan, were renewed by resolution.

Highland Grove

Cardiff councillor, Suzanne Partridge said the grand opening of the new Highland Grove Community Centre was a great success, with over 40 people, including Reeve Keith Tallman, in attendance. A resolution agreeing to initiate an application for a liquor licence for the facility was passed.

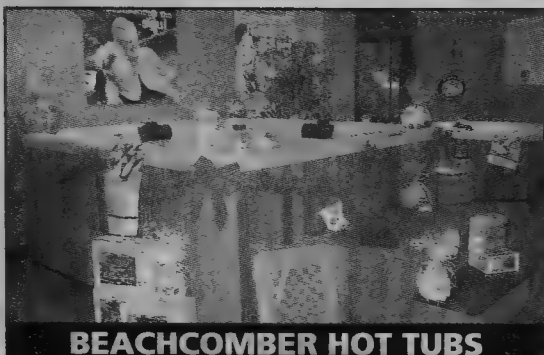
Holiday Hours

The Wilberforce and Bicroft municipal offices will be closed from December 21, at 4:30 pm to January 2 at 9 am. Emergency services will continue to be available throughout the holiday. The Post Office will close at 2 pm on December 24th and 31st, but will remain open through lunch hour on those days.



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Long awaited Municipal Act tabled

Municipalities have pages of new rules to follow

Politicians all around the Haliburton Highlands have been talking about the possibility of a new Municipal Act for some time.

The subject has come up frequently in council chambers during recent months, with councillors mentioning that local MPP Chris Hodgson, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, had promised a new act in the near future – but nobody seemed to be holding their breath.

Well, the wait is over. In October Hodgson introduced the new act, promising it will be the cornerstone of a better, more constructive relationship between the province and municipalities. Of course, it still has to be approved by the provincial Legislature. If that happens, the act is slated to come into effect Jan. 1, 2003.

"Municipalities have asked for a modern, streamlined Municipal Act that gives them new flexibility to react quickly to local economic, environmental or social changes," Hodgson said. "We've consulted extensively. We've worked hard with municipal and business groups to find the right balance between municipal flexibility and strong accountability to taxpayers. The proposed new act reflects that balance."

"The government is committed to a new, stronger relationship with municipalities," he added. "One reflection of that commitment is a recognition in the legislation of the importance of prior consultation with municipalities on matters that directly affect them. If the legislation is passed, I'll be talking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and

other municipal associations about a memorandum of understanding on how this process would work."

The proposed act, thick and full of legalese, isn't exactly light reading and last month most local politicians haven't had the opportunity yet to examine it thoroughly and diagnose the impact it might have on area municipalities.

The whole idea of consultation seems to have gone over well with Ann Mulvale, president of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

"We are pleased to see the reference to consultation in this legislation," she said. "In fact, the development of this Act is reflective of what this kind of consultation can achieve. We've seen definite improvements to the 1998 draft."

Hodgson believes the proposed act will give municipalities broader authority to deliver services. For example, it would contribute to Smart Growth by giving municipalities more authority to set up corporations and involve private sector partners in the financing and undertaking of public projects.

Municipalities are currently subject to a number of measures intended to ensure accountability to taxpayers. The new act would continue those measures and add several new ones. For example, the act would make municipalities more accountable to taxpayers for their purchasing practices. It would expand limits on municipalities' ability to regulate business and impose user fees. It would also require municipalities to publicly disclose improvements in service delivery.

The proposed act would also give municipalities more authority to make communities safer. Specifically it would give them new power to ask the courts to close crack houses as public nuisances and to deal with heavily fortified buildings such as those used by motorcycle gangs as clubhouses.

Here's a rundown on other things the act, if passed, is supposed to accomplish:

- It would require municipalities to pass by-laws with respect to the hiring of employees, including policies on the hiring of relatives of members of council and local boards and relatives of current municipal employees.

- Municipalities would have to publish their annual audited financial statements 90 days after the audit is done.

- It would require municipalities to report to taxpayers annually on any service delivery improvements and on any identified barriers to improving service delivery.

- Municipalities would have to provide a public list of user fees.

- It would require that licensing be used for reasons of health and safety concerns, nuisance control and consumer protection. Licence fees would be based on directly related costs and public notice would be required for proposed changes in licence fees.

- It would give municipalities broader authority in a number of spheres of jurisdiction – generally, matters of local interest in public utilities, waste management, public highways, transportation systems, culture, parks, recreation and heritage, drainage and flood control,

parking, economic development services, structures not covered by the Building Code Act (including fences and signs) and animals. Municipalities would have more closely defined and narrower authority in other areas of jurisdiction in which the province has what it calls a "greater interest."

- It would set out a number of other specific powers including the power to require landowners to clear refuse and debris from their land.

- It would continue to allow municipalities to license businesses but would specify that municipalities could only exercise their licensing powers, including imposing conditions on licenses, for health and safety, nuisance control and/or consumer protection.

- Certain businesses would continue to be exempt from municipal licensing and the province would have the authority to exempt others, including self-regulated businesses, by regulation.

- The province could also say that municipalities would not be permitted to test trades or occupations already subject to provincial certification. Licensing fees would not be permitted to exceed the costs of administration and enforcement.

- Public notification would be required when a municipality wants to establish a by-law or change fees or the classes of businesses that are to be licensed. Municipalities would also have the option of establishing a business registry for information-gathering purposes for businesses that do not need to be licensed.

- The act would streamline the rules on councils and their

practices and procedures. For example, it would give county councils more authority to change their size or composition. It would designate the head of council as the municipality's chief executive officer. It would confirm the current rules on open meetings but would add "sale of land" to the list of items that can now be discussed in a closed meeting.

- It would allow municipalities to keep or eliminate the tax-free allowance councillors currently must receive.

- It would update and clarify the rules on municipal debt and investment. It would give municipalities access to a broader range of investment instruments, thereby (hopefully) increasing their returns on their investments and reducing the need to raise revenues through taxes and user fees. Small municipalities that would otherwise be unable to take advantage of some of these new instruments would be able to do so through investment pooling agencies such as the ONE fund sponsored by AMO and the Municipal Finance Officers Association.

- The proposed act would supposedly be more comprehensive, understandable and better organized than the body of legislation that currently applies to municipalities. It would incorporate, not only the current Municipal Act, but other municipal legislation as well. For example, it would replace the current Regional Municipalities Act, the Municipal Tax Sales Act and the Municipal Boundary Negotiations Act. Some 1,100 pages of legislation governing municipalities would be reduced to 350.



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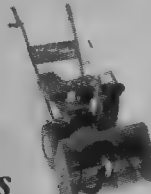
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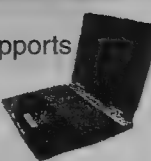


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At their general meeting the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association donated \$1,500 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation. Ian Fraser on the left accepts the cheque from KLCOA president, David Mills.

Deadlines change for December 24 Echo

Because of the Christmas holidays, The Echo's deadlines change this week.

The next Echo will be published Monday December 24. This pushes up the deadline for classified and display advertising to Thursday, December 20 at 5 p.m.. All letters to the editor and correspondence are also due by that time.

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Silver Beach application denied

Owners had wanted to put nine lots right next to neighbours

CATHY OLLIFFE

Staff Reporter

An application for a minor variance from the Silver Beach trailer park on Lake Kashagawigamog has been turned down by Dysart et al's committee of adjustment.

The committee meeting was held Dec. 12 in the Dysart council chambers with Don Popple as chair, members Vince Connaughan and Bob Bishop, and Patricia Martin, the township's planner. Applicants Barbara and Mervyn Reeves were represented by Margaret Walton, a planner in Bracebridge. Four people who live near Silver Beach were also in attendance to voice their opposition to the application, including Nathan Petrini who spoke to the committee.

The Reeves wanted a minor variance to allow them to put nine trailer lots on a strip of lakeshore land abutting their neighbours, the Petrinis and the Watsons. The township by-law says such lots have to be 100 ft. from residential lot lines and the Reeves were seeking a 0 ft.

abutment. According to Martin there are three trailers presently located illegally on the property in question but there have been more in the past.

"It's not minor," commented Connaughan in deciding against the variance. "Far from it."

Bishop added, "It just can't happen."

Mrs. Reeves said the nine sites are critical to the operation of their campground and although they have 20 acres to put the sites somewhere else, she said it would cost "big dollars" to cut down trees and build roads to do so.

Petrini, who spoke out against the application, said he doesn't have any problems with the way the trailer park is run but he doesn't want trailers right against his property. In the summertime he said he can hear people in the trailer snoring "and I'm sure they can hear me as well."

Walton said in her presentation to the committee that if the application is denied they will move on to an Ontario Municipal Board hearing.

School board hires music consultant for six months

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board has hired a music consultant to work with elementary schools throughout the area over the next six months.

Eric Smeaton, a teacher at King Albert Public School in Lindsay, has taken on the assignment, which begins January 7.

His job will be to help schools implement the Music Builders Program. It encourages students' awareness and enjoyment of music. He will also travel to each of the schools to implement the province's new music curriculum.

Smeaton has other goals as well.

One is to increase the number of students who partici-

pate in the Durham Music Camp, which offers drama, music, art and dance activities to students over a 10-day period. This year 10 students will attend; next year he hopes it will reach 50.

Other projects include peer mentoring and providing assistance to students as they tackle various music tasks.

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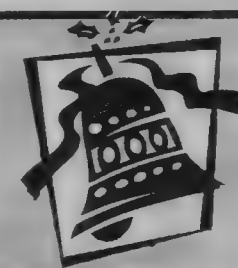
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December 25

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Service

The Victoria Street Oldies, a group of girlfriends who attended the Victoria Street School in Haliburton nearly 50 years ago, reunited for the first time at the Delta Pinestone Resort in Haliburton recently. More than 40 attended to share memories and a few drinks. The ladies are listed by maiden name. Left to right, front row: Joyce Austin, Laina Rinne, Ev Carnochan, Faye MacDonald, Bonnie Lee, Joan MacDonald, Aila Rinne (behind Faye MacDonald). Second row: Dorell Iles, Noreen Carnochan, Sylvia Brodhagen, Marion Whittaker, Jean Sproats, Dorothy Rinne. Third row: Shirley Whittaker (in front of Ruth Curry), Dawn Miller, Betty Henderson, Muriel Little, Joyce Feir, Doris Wensley. Fourth row: Verna Henderson, Lois Bailey, Beatrice Daniels, Mary Formica, Dorothy Potts, Joyce Vickery, Jacqueline Robertson. Fifth row: Delores Lane, Gladys Formica, Helen Elstone (behind Beatrice), Eva Walling, Doreen Sholers, Janet Woodcock (behind Joyce Vickery), Mabel Roberts, Anna Hodgson, Marg Hodgson. Sixth row: Lorna Fearrey, Aldyth Sisson, Elaine Herron.

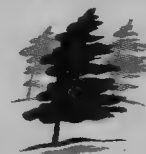
Victoria Street girls get together after 50 years



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Red Hawks fly against LCVI

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

The junior women's HHSS volleyball team were four points shy of beating perennial contender LCVI at the HHSS exhibition junior women's tournament last week here in Haliburton. They split their best-of-two set match, rally point style, with the high-powered squad.

After trailing the Spartans, the Hawks mustered a last ditch comeback to stave off four consecutive game points to draw the set even at 24 points a piece.

Down by three, the score 20-23, Kristen Stackhouse, off a first pass, floating to the net, she gave a one handed tip that arked over the double Spartan block. It fell directly behind them to turn the tide of the game in favour of the Hawks. With the score 22-24, the Hawks brought the power game. Kate Dawson, set up by a lovely set on the right side, drove the ball cross court, 23-24. Feeling the nerves the Spartans momentarily lost their composure and were seeing their lead slip away, but regained it in time. The Hawk comeback came up short as the effort to even score exhausted any chance to break the tie.

Their efforts against LCVI were not equalled against any other team though, and it proved to be their downfall for the tournament. They only managed one more win the rest of the afternoon finishing with a tournament record, 3-7.

After the hard fought split against the Spartans, the Hawks were unable to beat

I.E. Weldon, 14-25 and 22-25, and Fenelon Falls, 10-25 and 19-25, despite second set close scores against both.

In the final match against St. Thomas Aquinas the Hawks would finish strong. The first set was as disappointing as the four preceding sets as the Hawks couldn't get anything going. They were down by 14 points before they started a rally. Erica Fearrey served several clean points to draw the Hawks closer to evening the game, but her efforts were not enough as the St. Thomas Aquinas squad closed out the set 25-16.

In the next set, the Hawks would start just as badly as they did in the first set. Already down by four points and looking completely defeated a sudden turn around by the ladies in red and white initiated a comeback.

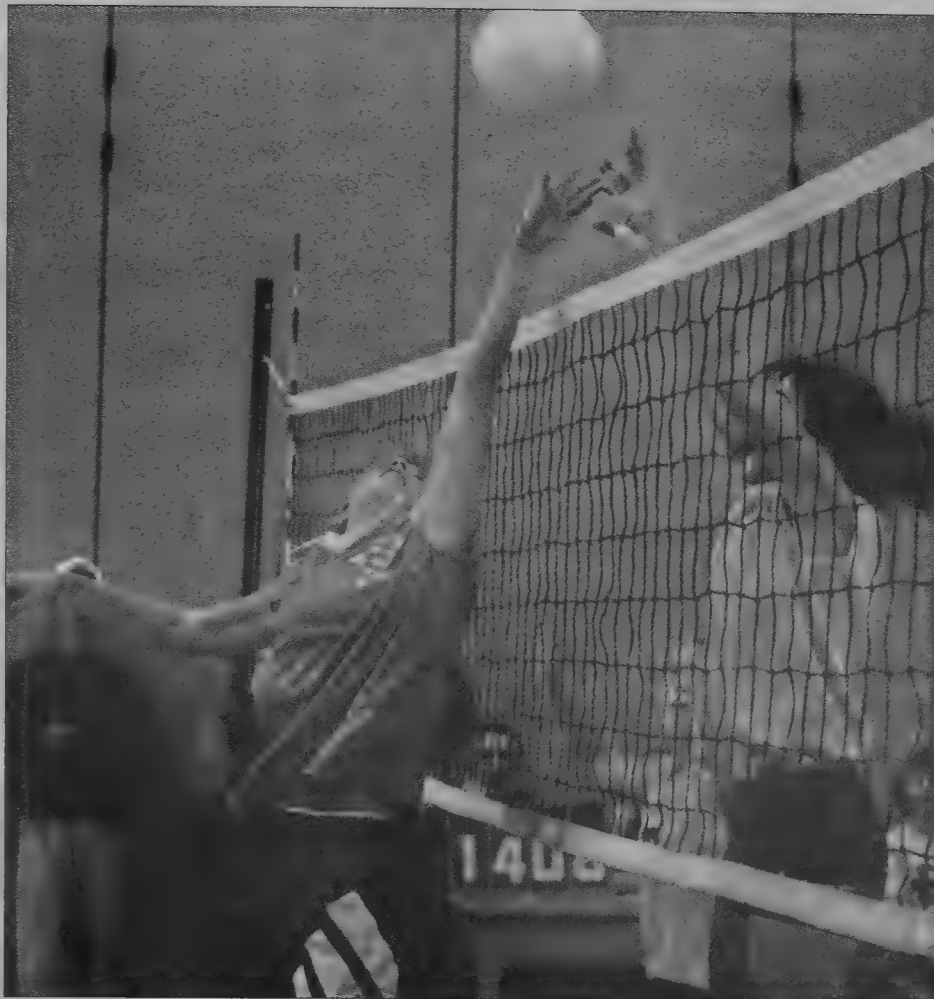
The score tied, 8-8, both teams sensed the urgency to claim the momentum in the match and played with an equal desperation. There were a series of spikes only to be saved by low or high digs in the back court. No less than six times was the ball sent to each side until Debbie Ray in full leap spiked a ball through an Aquinas block that got up too late. The spike dribbled off the block then trickled over the net and in the open court giving the Hawks a one point lead and a roaring home crowd ovation. This Hawk lead would not relinquish for the rest of the game. They rolled to their third set win of the tournament 25-18.

They will look to improve upon their performance at their next game after the holidays on Jan. 9.



Spartans pluck Hawks for seven goals: Hawks lose 1-7 to LCVI Spartans.

See page 26 for details.



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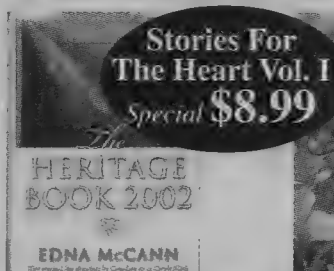
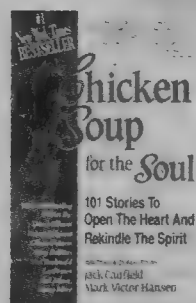
Erica Fearrey, hawk setter, tips the ball just out of the Clarke defenders reach

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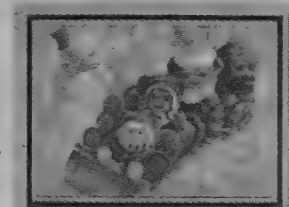


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Christmas miracle needed for HHSS Red Hawk playoff berth

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The Red Hawks didn't lose for a lack of effort, but effort doesn't get you wins. One of the top ranked teams in the league, the LCVI Spartans handily beat the home town boys 1-7.

They faced a hot goaltender who turned them away every time except once. The LCVI Spartan goaltender withstood an early barrage in the opening

play allowed the Spartans to regroup and regain control from the Hawks who had a relentless forecheck and were plugging up the neutral zone well. The Spartans still managed to score four unanswered goals. The third goal, a back breaker, came shorthanded during a four-minute major against the Spartans. An errant pass across the blue line was intercepted by a speedy Spartan centre who broke away and scored on a stunned Steve Moral to give the Spartans a 3-0 score.

It wasn't until the final minute of the

send one past the Spartan goalie. In the final few minutes of the second period, like the first period opening minutes, the Hawks were coming closer and closer to breaking the shutout, but were just missing their chances to score until with 32

Miscio got away a shot in the slot that hit the back of the twine for the first goal.

With the loss, the Hawks are not likely to make the playoffs, but will play their next game on the road this week on Wednesday, Dec. 19.



DARREN LUM/Echo

A Hawk forward gets checked in the boards during the second period against LCVI who plucked the Red Hawks to the tune of 1-7.

Metcalf second period hat-trick leads to 6-4 win

WENDY SISSON

Special to the Echo

This past week saw the Storm's Atom B team begin their second round of play for this season.

The first match up would have Woodville traveling to Haliburton. While the home town team was getting the feel for the new competition, Woodville scored two quick ones midway through the first period. Then, with 17 seconds left on the clock, Jay Winfield put the Storm on the board assisted by Logan Brown.

In the second the home team started to gel with some great passing plays made by Brady Yavis to Cole Scheffee whose persistence paid off. Carson Metcalf

showed great offense and scored a hat trick in the second period assisted by Jay and Alex Lopez and Jarrett Donaldson.

At the other end of the ice Katelyn Cowen was a force to be reckoned with, with her fancy foot work and timely poke checks. Curtis Nichol was once again strong in net with quick lateral movements to keep the opponents off the board. Jordan Dick would give the Storm team added security with his goal and the helper going to Daniel Walker. Offensive toughness was also exhibited by Ryan Sherwood and Riley Sisson as they dug deep along the boards and skated hard to create some great break out plays.

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Warm December's signal ideal skiing conditions

As Christmas approaches, we are reminded frequently of all the classic villains who threaten to steal Christmas: Ebenezer Scrooge, the Grinch and, of course, the evil Global Warming. The spirit of the season teaches us not to despair, though. At the darkest hour mankind is always saved by repentance, Cindy-Lou Who or snow squalls.

cross country skiing

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Blake Paton

Many years of anxious sky watching have taught club members one meteorological truth: warm Decembers bring

many snow squalls. The official local prediction is now that there should be lots of little dumps of snow blowing in from the Great Lakes as soon as we get some cold westerly winds. Christmas will be saved at the last moment and all the kiddies will get their presents.

The Haliburton Ski club has also learned a thing or two from Scrooge. It has long been our policy to make sure that no one misses out on the pleasures of skiing and healthy recreation. Especially at this time of year, it is important to mention that arrangements can be made so that those of limited means can join the ski club and pay their fees through volunteer work when necessary.

Also, those who need equipment, especially kids who want to join the Jackrabbit ski program, can get help from club volunteers who redistribute outgrown equipment. The club would like to set a

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Some of the Ski Friends of the Frost Centre proudly display the new Ski the Frost trail signs after a day of volunteering.

new participation record this year.

Yes, membership in the ski club is inexpensive and it provides huge amounts of healthy and natural exercise. The bottom line is that it is fun. The Salt Lake City Olympics will be upcoming, so there will be lots of sports on television this winter, but wouldn't you rather be doing

sports than watching them?

Remember as you chose your Christmas gifts that giving good health through encouraging fitness is as precious a gift there is. Contact Pat Cummings for membership info at 754-9569. Don't worry about snow—rituals are being performed that will ensure a healthy snowfall.



(l-r) George Logan, owners Sheila, who has a personal fitness trainer certificate, and Ron Stackhouse, Aaron Galbraith, Kristin Stackhouse and Matt Galbraith

Just in time for New Years Resolution: new fitness facility

Indoor fitness in time for winter season

Staff

Millennium Fitness has opened its new state-of-the-art fitness centre at the end Harmony Road in Haliburton. Featuring a wide variety of equipment such as exercise bicycles, treadmills, rower, elliptical trainer, balls and a weight-lifting centre, it also has a room for personal fitness training, a massage room and men's and women's showers and change

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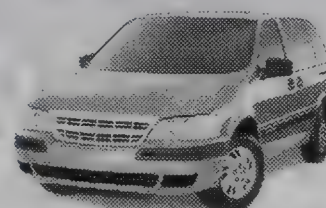
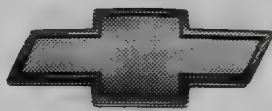
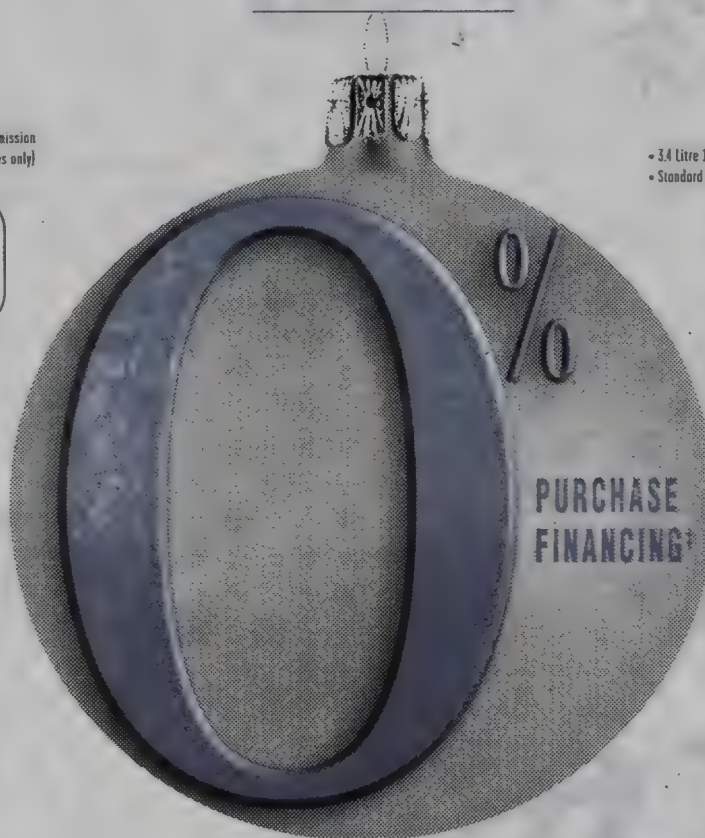
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HHSS Grade 9 student Steven Trepanier looks at the high powered telescope he used last week for measuring distances between stars and for observing planets in our solar system. Trepanier was one of 19 students on the field trip to the observatory at the Haliburton Forest Wildlife Reserve.

"JUST THINKING HOW SMALL WE ARE, BUT ALSO HAVING THIS VAST UNIVERSE AROUND US. WHY IS IT THERE? HOW IS IT WORKING? WHO MADE IT?"

— ADAM PERECKO, ONE OF THE HHHS STUDENTS WHO SPENT A NIGHT AT THE HALIBURTON FOREST OBSERVATORY.

STORY, PHOTOS
BY **DARREN LUM**

A pilot project is launching a sky high interest in astronomy for area high school students by using the newly constructed observatory at the Haliburton Forest Wildlife Reserve.

Nineteen Grade 9 HHSS students who spent a night at the reserve last week were the first educational group to benefit from the local observatory that houses three high-powered telescopes. They have the magnification to provide images of craters on Jupiter.

Tom Kovacs, a local astronomer, was the technical advisor and brainchild of the project. He volunteered his time to assist in the project.

"It's all hands on. These kids, I think, are some of the few in North America that will do actual measurements of stars... If they get the astronomy hook in them then it will be a life long interest," Kovacs says.

Kovacs has been an avid astronomer for more than 30 years and saw this project as an opportunity to pass his enthusiasm on to younger people.

Grade 9 science student Adam Perecko has owned a telescope since Grade 7 and was excited at this first-time opportunity to work in an observatory. His astronomy fascination stems from his interest in science and the possibilities to answering questions using astronomy.

"It all combines together. If you like science you have to have an interest with everything related to it," says Perecko about the connection between astronomy and general sciences. "Just thinking how small we are, but also having this vast universe around us. Why is it there? How is it working? Who made it?"

The student group was at the reserve from 1 PM to 11 AM with the majority of the evening, from 6:30 PM until 11:30 PM, spent looking through the telescopes

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Tom Kovacs coordinates the telescope to universal time.



Kovacs, Adam Perecko, Steven Trepanier and Kourtney Matysek calibrate the telescope.

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into the night sky.

"It's really neat just to be able to look at stars and planets. You've got all these things around you. You kind of wonder why you're there. It's a unique experience," Perecko says.

Although a temporary power failure at the observatory led to the telescopes to become iced up, at approximately 11:30 PM, the students still managed to complete worthwhile studies and were noticeably tired anyway, says HHSS Head of Science David Mowat.

Mowat says most children rarely get the opportunity to see planets except those created by the imagination or Hollywood.

"Hollywood doesn't cut it when it comes to freezing your butt off in Haliburton Forest in the middle of the night when all of a sudden you see something that is real."

The evening's main focus of study was the planet Jupiter and its many moons with a secondary focus on the distances between stars in the Binary Star System. During the evening they also performed star identification, observed galaxies and learned about the formation and destruction of stars. The highlight of the night was the Gemini Meteor shower that showcased 80 shooting stars on a clear sky, says Mowat. Four OAC HHSS students assisted with the instruction throughout the evening.

It was not only the students who enjoyed the experience. Mowat was equally impressed by the evening sightings.

"Saturn was like a Christmas tree ornament. It was stunning," Mowat says.

Kovacs presented the high school with the idea for the project a few months

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- DAVE MOWAT



ago in mid-autumn and created the entire night's activities.

"[This project] gives a better understanding of where they are in the universe and what they are doing here," Kovacs says.

Mowat says future trips to the observatory are a definite possibility, however the actual cost for future trips is uncertain. Students paid a total of \$15 for this trip with \$5 for the bus trip and

\$10 for the breakfast. The reserve provided usage of the cabins and the observatory free of charge while staff for the pilot project volunteered their time.

"The Haliburton Forest is really keen on being able to give back to the children of the community," says Mowat about the co-operation from the reserve. "This is quite an experiment for us. We're looking at it and trying to see what works and what doesn't."

Haliburton Forest Outdoor Educator Rick Whitteker says the pilot project will help in augmenting future group projects and can start immediately.

"We will provide public and school group and any group programs tailored to whatever their needs may be within the scope of our abilities," Whitteker says. "We're pretty confident we have a facility here that will meet most peoples' astronomy needs."

Groups that will best benefit will primarily be those at the introductory stage of astronomy, he adds. The observatory will be modified slightly to address minor concerns such as the steepness of the stairs to the second floor of the observatory and the path to the out-house.

JDHES Grade 6 teacher Ed Poropat was in attendance to observe the proceedings to evaluate the project's application to elementary science students. Poropat says the Grade 6 year is the first year astronomy is taught for public school students and is pivotal to sparking interest in astronomy. He adds trips such as these can only add to the excitement for astronomy study years after Grade 6.

"That's an added bonus at anytime. Just to be excited about science and learning that kind of goes without saying," Poropat says.

Both Poropat and Mowat are hopeful that JDHES and HHSS can work together on developing future projects utilizing the observatory to spark continuing interest in astronomy.

"It's worth it just to see the kids' faces when they first look through the telescope...I still remember my first view of Saturn. It looks like a waxy object."

"You can't believe it's there," Poropat says.



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The Cantata at St. George's



The Reverend Christopher Greaves, left, gave a masterful reading of Frederick Forsyth's *The Shepherd* at Friday night's celebration of Christmas music and readings at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. The cantata choir's performance, led by Bill Gliddon, was uplifting and showed a wide range of talent. The choir was, at times, accompanied by the audience, at top. Other highlights included Michael Barnes's touching reading of O. Henry's *The Gift of the Magi* and a quartet re-telling the story of Canada's first carol.

Photos by Martha Perkins

Chill out!

*Volunteers needed
for IceWatch
program*



The Canadian Nature Federation is looking for volunteers to participate in IceWatch, its newest nature monitoring program.

IceWatch, a partnership with Environment Canada's Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network (EMAN), is recruiting average Canadians to report yearly ice-on and ice-off dates at local lakes and rivers. The data will be used to monitor the effects of climate change on aquatic ecosystems in Canada.

"We know that a network of citizen scientist volunteers can make a valuable contribution," says Julie Gelfand, executive director of the Canadian Nature Federation. "Their work can help increase our understanding of what's going on in the world around us — like global warming and climate change."

"Several scientific studies have shown a correspondence between the timing of ice events and/or the length of the ice season and seasonal air temperature conditions," says Dr. Claude Duguay, geography professor at Laval University and scientific advisor for IceWatch. "Thus the data provided by ice-watchers can be used as a good indicator of climate variability and change."

IceWatch is the third in a series of community-based environmental monitoring programs co-sponsored by the CNF, called NatureWatch. Other programs

include Frogwatch and Wormwatch.

IceWatch provides an opportunity for the general public to get involved in the study of the impacts of climate change on aquatic ecosystems in Canada. Climate change is not consistent across the country, and there are large gaps in current monitoring.

Using the information found on the IceWatch brochure or national IceWatch Web site, volunteers can learn how to select a site and submit observations. Participants can submit data directly through the Internet at www.icewatch.ca (English) or www.veilleaugel.ca (French), or mail their observation sheets to the EMAN Coordinating Office.

CNF is also looking for veteran ice-watchers. Many Canadians have kept records for years, and even generations. These long-term records are valuable sources of information, and are already being used by scientists to study changes in the Canadian climate.

As an added incentive, free IceWatch t-shirts will be offered to volunteers who can contribute 10 years or more of historical records.

To become an IceWatch volunteer and obtain a copy of the free IceWatch brochure (available in English and French), send a self-addressed, business-sized envelope with 75 cents postage to CNF or contact us at 1-800-267-4088.

Glad hearts welcome the festive season

It is often noted that as Christmas time draws near, hearts pump up with gladness as people everywhere come together to share the festive season. That was the case on Sunday, December 9th in Wilberforce.

Twas early Sunday morning as I looked about. Bill Wingrove and his Firefighters scurried about getting trucks ready for the parade and putting out chairs. The presents awaited all neatly wrapped the day before by Elves Dolly Ragnar, Orval and Marian Donaldson, Marilyn Donaldson and son Brandon, Mel Smith, and Roberta Walsh. Mac and Nancy Gadway of Schwandt Homecare Building Centre Harcourt had donated the presents' colourful wrappings.

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Valerie Smith

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My thoughts wandered and I found myself thinking about all the many good people who had generously donated toward the gifts - The Haliburton Lions Club, Harcourt Community Centre, Harcourt Ladies Auxiliary, Schwandt Aggregate, Agnew's General Store, Tory Hill Bridge Club, Lakeview Excavating, Casey Concrete Products Ltd., Monmouth Seniors Club, Walsh Sand and Gravel, Bostonian Motel, Hilary's Floor N' Trim, Rodney Hogan Excavating, Lewis Electric, Kemcroft Enterprises Ltd., Ontario Hardwood Veneers Ltd., Montage Real Estate Limited, Moonlight Bay Tent and Trailer Park, Silver Springs Cottages, Andrew Hillo Advertising, Sandy Acres Four Season Resort, Mike Thompson Lumber Services, Pine Grove Point, Riverbank Cottages, M.A. Bell Marine, Shamrock Climate Control, IDA Holmes, Mary Biggs, Wilberforce Bank of Nova Scotia, All star Care, Global Drilling and Water, Gerry's Electric, Algonquin Roofing and the Royal Canadian Legion 624.

My heart swelled to think there were so many who gave so generously to the little people. My thoughts dwelled on how their unselfish generosity strengthened and enriched the lives of the children of the loop. Giving

from the heart - a special part of what Christmas is all about. What a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit!

My melancholy was suddenly interrupted as the room exploded with sounds! The parade organized by Lynn Waugh and Sherrie Siebarth was over and that jolly, bearded, fat fellow known as Santa had arrived. The piano played by Marg Dugas issued forth-welcoming chords as Shirley Riley led the traditional Christmas Carol Sing. Angelic voices joined in with them.

Pathfinder Elves - Angela Young, Leigha Johnston, Amanda Lewis, Stephanie Lewis, and Ashley Alden, had donned their tunics and were scurrying about delivering just the right gifts to Santa's many children. Pathfinders Billie Rose Clarkson and Jessica Foulds were in the kitchen looking after the scrumptious goodies and refreshments.

Mel Smith, with black top hat perched upon his head was sorting gifts as Jason Donaldson called out number. Tammy Donaldson snapped picture after picture of little ones sitting upon Santa's knee.

It was a wondrous site to see and I thank all the people who made this much-anticipated yearly event possible - Santa Claus, Pathfinder Elves, Fire Fighters, Parade Organizers, Photographers, Gift Wrappers, Shirley Riley and Marg Dugas. A special thanks to all of our sponsors, the businesses and individuals who made monetary donations. To Marilyn Donaldson, Roberta Walsh and my husband Mel Smith - a great Big Thank You. This was my first time getting involved with this venture and I can only describe it as an inspirational event, appealing not only to the 170 children who visited Santa but to the child in all of us who were privileged to provide this service. To me it brought back the magical feeling of the season and I am proud to have been part of such a special holiday event. I am looking forward to next year's Loop Children's Christmas Party and Parade.

The Christmas Spirit continues to spread and the excitement of gathering, trimmings for the houses has caught hold of many people in the area. Mel and I enjoyed a trip out to see the outdoor light festival the other night. We would recommend a family excursion to

view the lights on the homes in Highland Grove, Harcourt, Wilberforce and Tory Hill. Do include a side trip to see Ruth and Larry Strong's home on the Essonville Line.

Bingo! Don't forget Bingo every Wednesday night at Harcourt Community Centre and please not there will be Bingo between Christmas and New Years. So if you have family and friends over for the holi-

days plan on attending Bingo for a night out. Euchre is on Thursday evening however, there will be no Euchre evening between Christmas and New Years.

Harcourt Community Centre will be hosting its traditional New Year's Eve Dance once again this year. Ken Kovach and Classic Country will be playing. Dance begins at 9:00 p.m. Cost is \$30. per couple or \$15. per person. This is a special night. A night to be with family and friends - so come out and welcome in the New year with those you

cherish. The dance is open to all ages. Cost for children 16 years and under is \$7.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to family and friends of Bernice (Covert) Burroughs who recently passed away. Husband Philip survives Bernice. May God comfort you.

Best wishes go out to Iris Mumford and Jimmy Evans who are presently in hospital due to illness.

Mary Ellen Coghlan is recovering quickly from her numerous injuries sustained in a recent car accident. Tom feels his family is falling apart as he has to pick around not only Mary Ellen but son Lyle who is recovering from a recent knee operation. Get well wishes to the both of you.

May you all enjoy great pleasure planning festive meals.

May you delight in unpacking all those familiar, revered ornaments of yesteryears that bring remembrances of Christmases past.

May you enjoy that special thrill of discovering just the right gift for your loved ones.

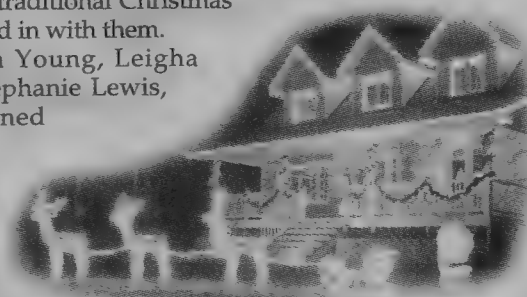
May you derive joy from visits with friends and family.

May all grand parents enjoy your priceless grand children.

Cherished memories, precious moments, hopeful anticipation, and love for one and another - this is what the Christmas spirit is all about.

Wishing you all a peaceful and relaxing Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

- Valerie, Mel and Family



Ruth and Larry Strong's house on the Essonville Line.

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The holiday hours for the Dorset Library: closed Dec. 22, 25, 26 and Jan. 1, open Dec. 27, 29 and Jan. 2. Holiday hours for the Dorset Recreation Centre: closed at noon Monday, December 24 and re-opening Wednesday, January 2. The last yoga class for this session at the Dorset Rec Centre is Friday, December 14. The next session begins Friday, January 4. Please call the Rec Centre 766-9968 or the Yoga Room 789-0367 to register.

The Dorset Volunteer Fire Department and the Dorset Lions would like to thank everyone for their contributions to the Annual Salvation Army Food Drive. There was almost a ton of goods collected in this community!!!!

The Christmas services at St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church are, Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve, 9:00 p.m. and Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day, 11:30 a.m.

There is a bus going to Riverdance at the Hummingbird Theatre in Toronto May 30 & then Rama on the way back. If anyone is interested, please call Janeen at 766-2314 or Barb at 766-2108.

A huge thank you on behalf of the community goes to Jim and Janice Jones for once again providing a fantastic Children's Christmas Party for the children of Dorset. The party was held on December 1 and was well attended. This was the 19th party for Jim and Janice who do a great job providing food, merriment and entertainment. Thanks again!

The Dorset Seniors Club wishes to thank everyone who supported their draw. The top prize, a handmade quilt by Veronica Anderson went to Bill Johnson. Both Bill and his wife June were very thrilled and June was already planning on how best to display and preserve it for years to come, a definite heirloom. Other winners included

Clint Mackay, George Moore and Alice Kocmuf. The doll house will be going to Nepean and the stained glass lamp to Stratford. All want to know what Gina Baum is going to do with the baby clothes she won!

The same night was the gourmet Christmas dinner. Santa visited from the North Pole or was that the South Pole? He was able to provide all but snow. The many guests included Mayor Tom Pinckard, Lake of Bays Township. He congratulated all on the super job done to the building. He won a large poinsettia. His wife Dale, assisted with the draw and picked out her own ticket (what are the chances) to win the beautiful sweater donated by Eve Adkins. Reeve Eleanor Harrison from Algonquin Highlands and her husband Jim joined the party as well.

Roy Kerr and his wife Jean, from Kilworthy, once again graced the table. In August, Roy was appointed treasurer of the U.S.C.O., thus giving up his job as field representative. However, they are always welcome and the club knows they'll be back. With clubs now numbering over 1,500 in Ontario and the only seniors organization run solely by senior volunteers, congratulations Roy for once again giving so much of his time and also his family's time.

Thanks to Paul Morley who always offers his very best blessing before the meal. The cooks really out shone themselves as it took 3 very large turkeys to feed all. Hats off to Marge Moellor along with a big "thank you". Marge put everything together to give the club one of the best parties ever.

Janeen Byman, President of the Dorset Seniors Club attended the Huntsville Club 55 Christmas dinner and dance which was held at the Huntsville Legion. She had the pleasure of sharing her dinner table with Fran



In the first week of December for the last 19 years the Dorset Recreation Centre has been the place for Christmas cheer. More than 50 children enjoyed the Dorset Children's Christmas which included a puppet show and a visit from St. Nicholas who handed out gifts.

Coleman, Deputy Mayor of Huntsville. What a delightful lady. Santa appeared with a ho ho ho and a bag filled with snow! He later confessed that he had stolen it from the hockey arena. Janeen wishes to say thanks for the invite which is another example of the "united" in seniors.

Remember to purchase your Dorset Heritage Museum Calendar for 2002 which shows photographs of Dorset from years past. They make ideal Christmas gifts and souvenirs. They are available for \$10 each at the Dorset Post Office, Algonquin Highlands Municipal Offices, Robinson's General Store, Dorset Tim-Br Mart, Mountain Trout House Marina and The Old Mill Marina.

Birthday wishes to Barb Jordan, Thomas Keown, Jessica Reilly, Olga Cunningham, Karen Knutt, Len Whitworth and Betty Learmonth.

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Christmas

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Day - December 25

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New Years Eve

HEATHERWOOD HARVEST - December 31

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Going the distance

TVOntario's January Math Marathon online for Grade 9 math students

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As well as the evening chatroom, the Eureka! Ask a Teacher Web site provides students with

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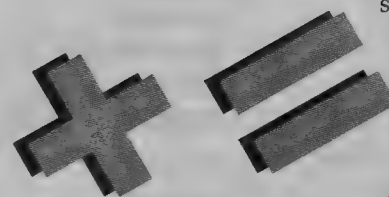
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NOTICE**(Applicant – Shall-May Holdings Limited)**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 3, in Concession 2, Lot 31, Plan 586, on Kennisis Lake, in the geographic Township of Havelock, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 14th, 2002, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated October 17th, 2001, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 23rd day of November, 2001.

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NOTICE**(Applicant – Roberts)**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 18, in Concession 4, on Kennisis Lake, in the geographic Township of Havelock, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 14th, 2002, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

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NOTICE**(Applicant – Redlarski and Redlarski)**

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NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 14th, 2002, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by H. Curry Bishop, OLS, and dated October 22nd, 2001, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

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NOTICE**(Applicant – Redstone Solutions Inc.)**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 23, in Concession 7, on Redstone Lake, in the geographic Township of Guilford, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 14th, 2002, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated October 19th, 2001, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

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NOTICE**(Applicant – Rickard)**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 6, in Concession 7, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 14th, 2002, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated November 7th, 2001, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

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NOTICE**(Applicant – Morgan & Wallace)**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Lot 7, in Concession 6, on Kashagawigamog Lake, in the geographic Township of Dysart, now in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, January 14th, 2002, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 4, 5 and 6 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated September 20th, 2001, being available for inspection in the office of the Township Planner at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

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Last week the owners of local Bed and Breakfasts got together at Down Home B&B to present Minden and Haliburton food banks with cheques for \$1,325 each, resulting from the recent B&B Christmas Tour. Above, from left: Pam Smith, Jack Bush, Dorothy Menton, Joe Smith, Elaine Bell, Barb Walford-Davis of the Minden Food Bank, Mary Hicks of the Minden Food Bank, Marie Whitfield of the 4Cs in Haliburton, Ed Emmerson, Carolyn Gearing, Sally Moore, Dixie Duncan and Marilyn Frost.

B & B Tour was a great success!

All nine of the Haliburton Highlands Bed and Breakfasts owners are agreed that this year's tour of their homes was a big success.

The tour brought a good flow of visitors throughout the days of Dec. 1 and 2. one B&B counted 148 and another 197. Not everyone kept track so there may have been even more people crossing doorsteps.

Proof that the tour was a success is the fact that the 4Cs of Haliburton and the Minden Food Bank each received \$1,325,

proceeds from sales of the tour guides.

The Haliburton Highlands Bed and Breakfasts have many to thank for supporting the tour: Teddy Time, who sold the guides and donated a beautiful doll won by Nan Mackenzie of Oshawa; Carolyn Gearing of Highland Stone Cottage B&B for donating a night's stay for two, won by Lynn Story of Toronto; the Haliburton County Echo; and to all in the Haliburton community who turned out for the tour and support the Haliburton Highlands Bed and Breakfasts all year round.

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Last planning meeting for Donna McCallum

It was Donna McCallum's last planning meeting as clerk-administrator for the Municipality of Dysart et al.

At the end of the Dec. 3 meeting, township planner Patricia Martin announced, "This is Donna's last planning meeting and I'd like to publicly thank her for all the work she's done. You've been great to work with," Martin said, "a terrific support."

In turn, McCallum said "Thanks Pat, you've been great too."

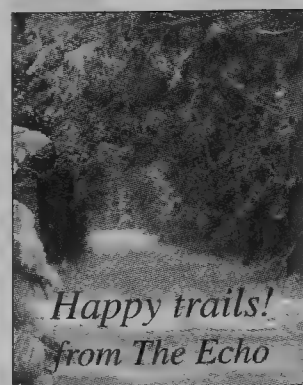
McCallum is retiring from the job at the end of this year. The new clerk-administrator will be Tammy McKelvey, who held the same position with Minden Hills. McKelvey sat in at the planning meeting, and a Dec. 10 council meeting, to see how things are done in Dysart.



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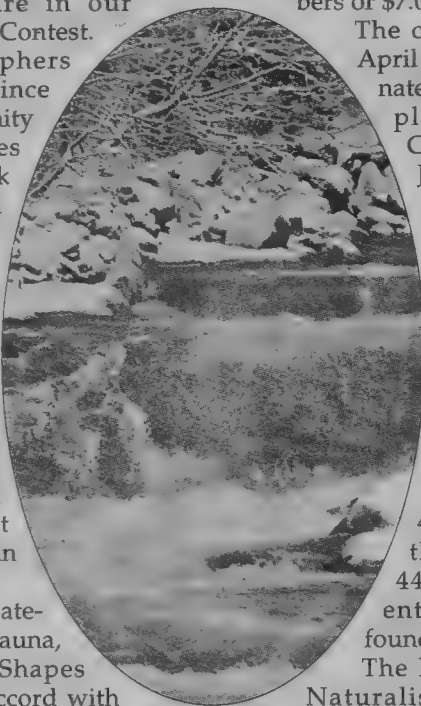
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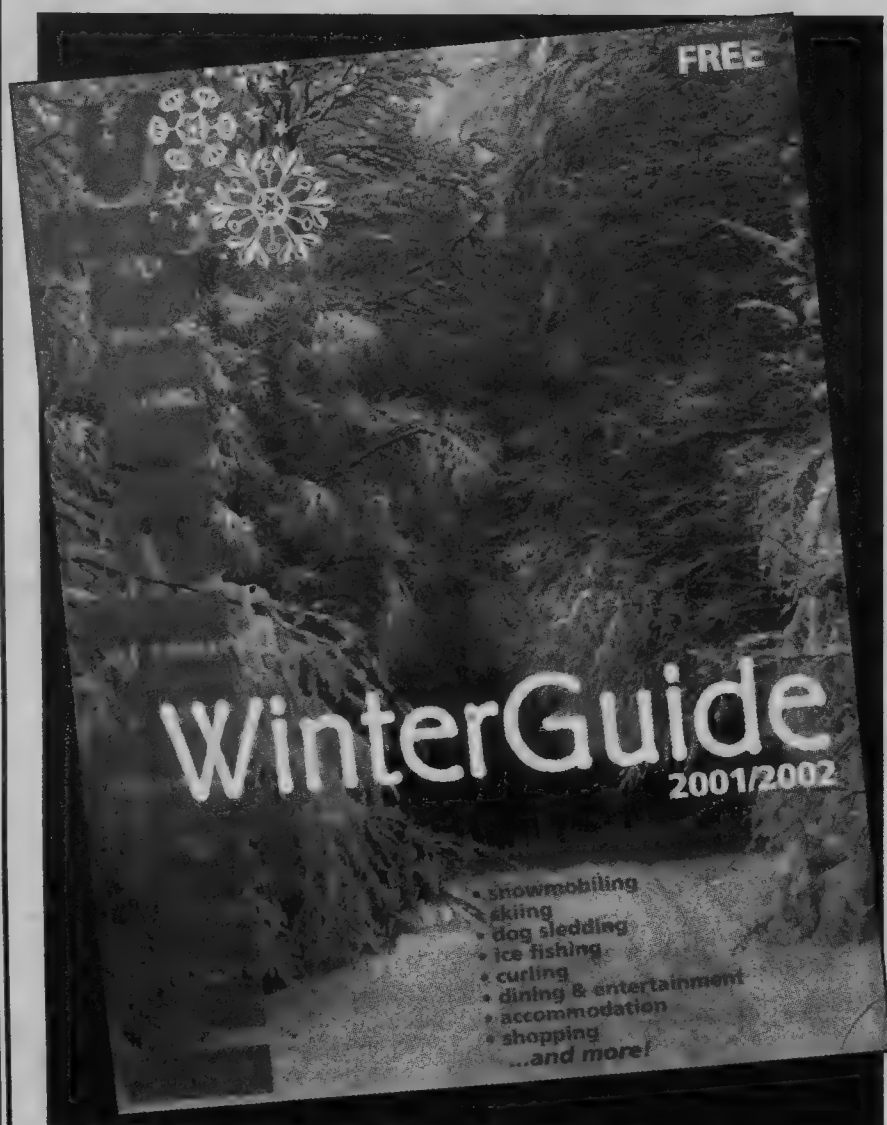


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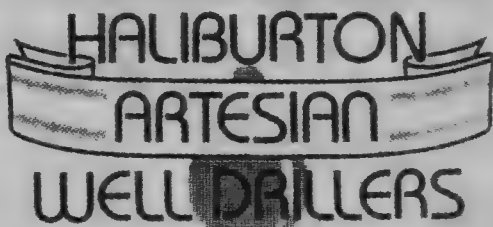
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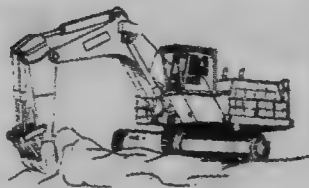
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Black-capped Chickadees ruled the roost at Ontario feeders last winter

Last winter, for the 13th year in a row, the Black-capped Chickadee topped Ontario's list of most common feeder visitors, according to Project FeederWatch, a winter-long survey of birds that come to feeders.

"Black-capped Chickadees came to 92% of participating feeders in Ontario," said Becky Whittam, Canadian Coordinator of Project FeederWatch. Whittam admits that this isn't too surprising, as the chickadee has ruled the roost since the survey began in 1988.

Project FeederWatch now has over 16,000 participants across North America. These "FeederWatchers" tell scientists how winter bird populations are growing or declining, and how their continent-wide distributions are changing - information that is crucial to effective bird conservation programs.

Whittam says that Project FeederWatch is always on the lookout for new participants. "There were 2,700 Canadians participating last year, including about 1,300 volunteers from Ontario. There are a lot of feeders in Ontario, so potentially a lot of FeederWatchers. There's no limit to the number of people who can participate."

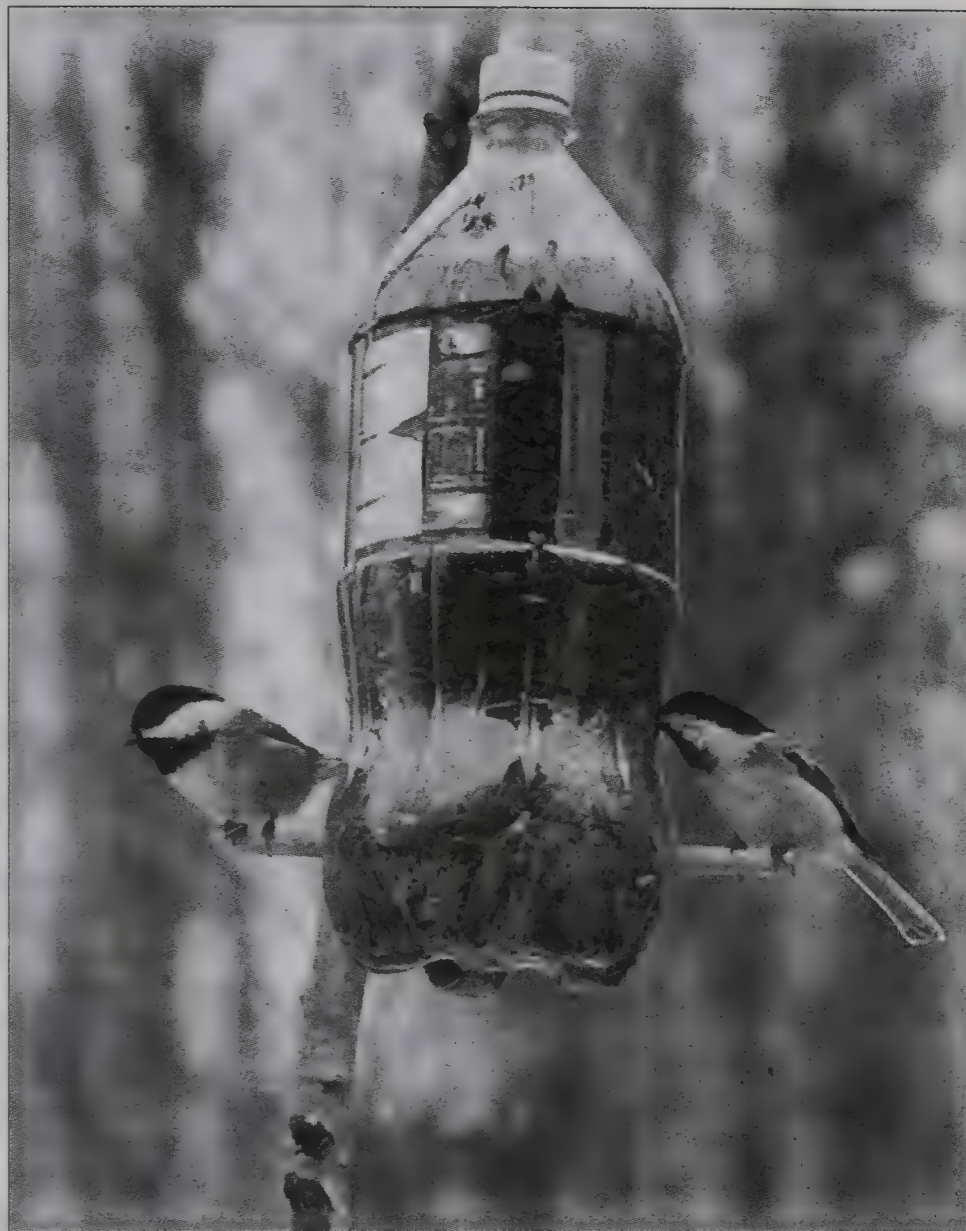
Participants watch birds at their backyard feeders once every two weeks from November through March. They count the kinds and numbers of birds they see, and record the information on FeederWatch data forms, which are sent to

Bird Studies Canada in the spring for analysis. Data can also be entered through the interactive web page.

Project FeederWatch is a joint project of Bird Studies Canada, the Canadian Nature Federation, the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society.

Participants in Project FeederWatch are asked to become members of Bird Studies Canada, an independent, non-profit research institute studying birds and their habitats for conservation. For an annual \$25.00 membership fee, participants receive the FeederWatch instruction booklet, resource manual, data forms, a bird calendar, a beautiful poster of common feeder birds, and four issues of the newsletter BirdWatch Canada. To register, fill out the online form at <http://bsc-eoc.org/national/pfwsign.html>. Alternatively, write to: P.O. Box 160, Port Rowan, Ontario N0E 1M0 (enclose a \$25 cheque to Project FeederWatch), e-mail pfw@bsc-eoc.org, or call Bird Studies Canada toll-free at 1-888-448-BIRD (2473). For more information, or to arrange an interview, please contact:

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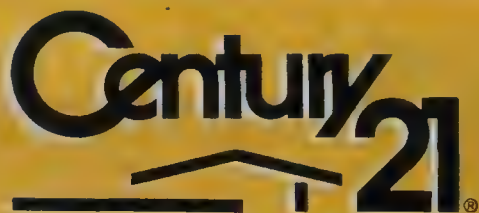
This photo of two Black-capped Chickadees feeding on black oil sunflower seed (one of their favourite foods) at a homemade pop-bottle feeder was taken by Perry Greico of Thunder Bay.

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Chamber president excited about 2002

The new Chamber of Commerce board and executive are now in place and looking forward to their new positions. At a recent Christmas social for board, staff and volunteers, President Diana Ferguson announced plans to focus the Chamber's activities on specific aspects of the county's business sector to help economic growth.

"This year the focus is going to be economic development. We are very excited about involving all sectors within Haliburton in the establishment of achievable goals, beginning with a comprehensive survey designed to help retain businesses in the County and to expand if possible. It will also assist us in attracting new businesses," says Ferguson.

The new Executive is:

- Diana Ferguson - President
- Jim Henwood - Vice President
- Scott de Savoye - Secretary
- Bob Hall - Treasurer

"I think this board is going to be very active and the committees will have more reach, both sectorally and geographically, than they ever did before. We are all looking forward to it," she added.

Ferguson also praised the work of volunteers Rich Ratcliffe, Elinor Hamilton, Karen Rainey and Phil Graham.

"I have to say a big thanks to our volunteers. They do a terrific job and we look forward to working them," she said.

Swim your way to fitness

Haliburton County Home Support Services is continuing the Aquasize program at the Wigamog Inn.

Aquasize is one of the services provided by Haliburton County Home Support Services. It is a low-impact way to increase your physical fitness. It is available to all persons 55+ and/or physically challenged persons 18+.

The winter nine-week session will run from January 8 through March 7. Classes are Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. or Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Registration closes January 2nd. The cost for the session is \$72.00 with a Home Support Activity Card or \$92.00 without the Activity Card. Classes are limited to the first 8 registrants. To register or for more information, please call Ida at 457-2941.

To register for a service, or to be a volunteer, please call Haliburton County Home Support Services at (705) 457-2941.



DARREN LUM/Echo

Sweets for the sweet

River Christiano, who's not quite two, nibbles on a candy cane in the arms of babysitter Debbie Ray at the Stanhope Christmas party held at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall. After games such as musical chairs and pin the nose on Rudolph, 34 lucky children got to meet Santa Claus and get a Christmas gift provided by the firefighters' association.

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Throughout the year each of our lives are filled with many trials and tribulations. It is times like these that make reflection on our many blessings a necessity in today's society.

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- Dec. 18: The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be meeting tonight. We wish all a merry Xmas. Our next meeting is Jan. 15/02 at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home where we will be showing a short video on "Is there something other than surgery". All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info. please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.
- Dec. 18: If Christmas is a time of quiet reflection, you may want to attend a "Quiet Christmas Service of Hope" at Fenelon Falls United Church on Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. This candle lit service helps those who have or are experiencing loss to share in a service full of love and hope for peace amid the pain. Information is available at the Church Office (887-3040), from Music Director Shirley Lambert (454-1904) or any choir member.
- Dec. 19: at 7 p.m., Full Gospel Lighthouse's Sunday School presents "Inside the Stable".
- Dec. 19: "Holiday Grief" - Join us for a time of quiet reflection, practical suggestions and a time to share. Topic: "Christmas Day Grief". We are meeting in Lindsay from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. For information call Palliative Care Victoria at 324-2811. There is no cost for this group.
- Dec. 21: Bonfire and carols at the beech in Eagle Lake at 7:30 p.m. All Welcome. Call Donna at 754-4464 for more info.
- Dec. 23: 4th Sunday in Advent - 9 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. Margaret's. - 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at St. George's
- Dec. 23: On Sunday, Dec. 23rd at 11:00 a.m., Fenelon Falls United Senior Choir, directed by Shirley Lambert, will present the Christmas Cantata "Touched by a Child" by John Purifoy. With narration and song, you will re-experience the light-filled joy of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This 40-minute Cantata will take place during our regular Sunday morning Church service. All are most welcome. Information is available at the Church Office (887-3040), from Music Director Shirley Lambert (454-1904) or any choir member.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - 3:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, St. George's Family Service - 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist at St. George's.
- Dec. 24: Community Christmas Eve Service at Minden Bible Church Dec. 24 from 6-7 p.m. Come enjoy a relaxed night celebrating "The Reason for The Season".
- Dec. 24: Monday, Dec. 24th at 7 p.m. - Join us for a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at Lakeside Baptist Church and ponder anew, the fact that God Himself came to earth in the form of a babe, to demonstrate His vast love for us.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services; Gooderham United Church, 7 p.m. - Wilberforce United Church, 8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at St. Paul's, Minden on Monday, Dec. 24, at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at St. John's, Irondale on Monday, Dec. 24, at 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at St. James', Kinmount on Monday, Dec. 24, at 9:00 p.m.
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at St. Paul's, Minden on Monday, Dec. 24, at 11:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day - 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist - St. Margaret's.
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day Service at St. Peter's, Maple Lake on Monday, Dec. 24, at 10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 27: "Daffodils" Cancer Support Group, Haliburton United Church, 2 p.m. Cancer patients and families reaching out to help others cope with this disease. Contacts are Jean Casey, 457-1010 and Helen Cox, 286-2224.
- Dec. 30: 1st Sunday after Christmas - 9 a.m. Morning Prayer, St. Margaret's - 10:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols, St. George's.
- Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Dance "Classic Country", Harcourt Community Centre.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Echo for more information on events and in the Highlands.

County mailbox vandalism continues

The following are brief reports from the Haliburton Highlands OPP.

A mailbox in Ingoldsby was smashed some time during the weekend of December 8 and 9. This has been an ongoing problem in this area. Anyone with any information is asked to contact CrimeStoppers at 1-800-563-8477.

Break and enter

An antique ice chest, 20 bottles of liquor, Christmas elves art print, bathroom mirror, living room wall mirror, medicine cabinet, jam cupboard, 70 videos, 90 CDs, a 26" TV, Panasonic VCR, bread box, duvet, hanging sign, wooden box, nightstand, sofa, pillows and entertainment unit were stolen from a cottage on Koshlong Lake Road in Highlands East some time since November 11. Damage was also done to the oak floor and sliding glass door.

Survey: fewer smoke-free places

HKPR

Special to the Echo

A ban on smoking in public places is a breath of fresh air in many Ontario communities, but most local residents are being denied the benefits of smoke-free spaces.

A recent survey conducted by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit shows little progress is being made to ban smoking in public places. Of 12 municipalities surveyed in Northumberland and Haliburton counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes, none has a comprehensive bylaw in place regulating smoking in all public places.

Most municipalities have done the bare minimum, only enforcing the 1994 Ontario Tobacco Control Act, or at best, going just beyond the minimum to implement inconsistent smoking regulations in publicly-owned buildings, says Doreen Mutton, a health promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

The survey shows only one community - the Town of Cobourg - is making a significant effort to develop a smoke-free bylaw for all its public spaces. Where bylaws apply only to municipally-owned buildings, only Cramahe Township has taken the step of making all these buildings smoke-free.

Mutton calls the lack of action by community leaders "regressive," considering how much is known about the health hazards of exposure to second-hand smoke and the numerous successful municipal bylaws that are making

smoke-free public places the norm in Ontario.

The Health Unit is asking local politicians to consider research that shows second-hand smoke causes heart disease, lung cancer and nasal sinus cancer in adults and can lead to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, bronchitis, pneumonia and other respiratory difficulties in children. Limiting children's exposure to second-hand smoke also helps to denormalize tobacco use by youth because it reinforces the fact three-quarters of the population do not smoke.

In the New Year, Mutton is urging local politicians to put the health of their residents first and adopt smoke-free bylaws. The Health Unit is available to assist municipalities in their effort to develop new smoking restrictions, she says.

Recently released statistics indicate 78.4 percent of residents in Northumberland and Haliburton counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes want to be protected from second-hand smoke in restaurants. In the case of smoke-free workplaces, the figure jumps to 80.3 percent.

Township of Minden Hills Smoking regulated in arena only. Municipality of Highlands East No formal bylaw, but smoking is restricted in municipal building.

Municipality of Dysart et al Some restrictions on smoking in arena and municipal building. Municipality of Algonquin Highlands smoking restricted in municipal building.

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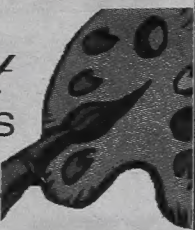
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Tri-County Behavioural Services, a community-based non-profit agency that provides consultative, educational and training supports for children with developmental disabilities and/or other complex needs and adults with developmental disabilities in Peterborough, Haliburton and Northumberland Counties and the City of Kawartha Lakes, has immediate openings for the following positions.

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Reporting to the Director, the responsibilities of this position include assisting with supervision and mentoring of professional staff, workload management and clinical outcome measures, coordinating professional development and maintaining a partial clinical caseload. The successful candidate will have a Master's degree in the behavioural sciences, thorough knowledge of applied behavioural analysis, extensive relevant experience and exceptional interpersonal, problem-solving and communication skills.

BEHAVIOUR THERAPIST

The responsibilities of this position include assessment, consultation and parent and staff training. Candidates will have a post-secondary degree in the behavioural sciences, knowledge of applied behavioural analysis and allied treatment approaches, relevant community-based experience, the ability to deal effectively with parents, professionals and other agency personnel, and excellent oral and written communication skills.

Because both of these positions require regular travel, a valid driver's license and use of a car is required. Please apply in writing, in confidence by **January 11, 2002** to:

The Director, Tri-County Behavioural Services
Suite 303, 349A George Street North
Peterborough, ON K9H 3P9
Fax (705) 876-9247

200 HELP WANTED**210 SKILLED HELP****Family Home Visitors**

The **Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit** requires three Family Home Visitors for the Family Health Program. These positions are part-time, with two located in the Lindsay office and one position located in the Brighton office.

Family Home Visitors offer support to area families participating in the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program. The position involves encouraging families to adopt healthy and safe behaviours during the prenatal, postnatal, infancy and early childhood periods. Family Home Visitors act as role models to demonstrate positive child rearing practices and link parents to the appropriate community resources.

Requirements: Successful candidates will have a Grade 12 diploma and be able to provide a satisfactory police and Children's Aid Society screen. Successful candidates have excellent knowledge of pregnancy, infant and child care, breast feeding and parenting skills as well as knowledge of community resources.

Salary Range: \$25,670 - \$29,112 (2002)
Start Date: February, 2002

Qualified applicants should apply in writing no later than **4:30 pm on Friday, January 11, 2002** to Fiona Gowing, Director, Family Health, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, 108 Angelina Street South, Lindsay, Ontario, K9V 3L5, (705) 324-3569, fax (705) 324-0455, e-mail: fgowing@lindsay.hkpr.on.ca.



Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District

Health Unit

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January 9th, 2002
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290 COMING EVENTS

HALIBURTON LEGION NEW YEARS EVE PARTY
Monday, Dec. 31, 2001
• Doors open 8 p.m.
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9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
• Hot and cold buffet
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• party favours
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Tickets at the Legion Office or bar

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West Guilford Community Centre
December 31st, 2001
8:30 p.m. - 2 a.m.
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Tickets \$35./couple
Available at West Guilford Store or Pat Morrison 754-2430.

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WED. DEC. 19TH
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WED. JAN. 2ND

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RETIRED TEACHERS OF ONTARIO

Haliburton Unit
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CHICKADEE LUNCHEON
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Monday, January 14th
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All R.T.O. Members, Retired Teachers and Guests Welcome
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300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Haliburton County Home Support Services extends a heartfelt "Thank-you" to everyone who helped make our Christmas Luncheon a success. The Gentlemen of Song for yet another fabulous performance; the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary for all your hard work; Haliburton IGA, Eastons ValuMart, Haliburton Health Services Foundation, Country Pickins, Dewey's Honey, and Jill Stephen for your donations. Wendy Wells for stopping by to help, and Echo reporter Darren Lum for helping with dishes! Finally, thank you to all who attended and made this our most successful year yet! See you next year! **The Board of Directors and Staff of Haliburton County Home Support Services** wish all our clients and volunteers a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Happy Holidays!

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457-2020
Holiday Season Hours
CLOSED
1:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24th
Tuesday, Dec. 25th & Wednesday, Dec. 26th
OPEN
Thursday, Dec. 27th & Friday, Dec. 28th, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 31st, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
CLOSED
Tuesday, January 1st
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370 BIRTHDAYS

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is turning 65.
His family would like to invite all who know him to a birthday party
Saturday, December 29th
Across from the Dysart Arena
at 8 p.m.
No gifts please. Just bring your hands for clapping, a voice to sing or an instrument to play.
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Don't tell Bill
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400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK RICHARD REID, deceased.

All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of MARK RICHARD REID, late of the township of Anson, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 21st day of July, 2001, are required to file the particulars of such claims with the undersigned solicitors for the said Estate on or before the 21st day of January, 2002.

AND take notice that after the last day named, the assets of the said Estate, will be distributed among the persons hereto entitled having regard only to the claims of which the Administrator for the Estate being Roland Wardrope Reid, shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this 29th day of November, 2001 by BISHOP AND ROGERS, Barristers and Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0. Solicitors for the Administrator of the Estate of Mark Richard Reid.

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440 THANK YOU

A SINCERE THANKS to all who assisted us in our car accident Dec. 10th on Hwy. 35 near Buckside Rd. I'm overwhelmed by the compassion shown in our time of need. There truly are angels on earth. With Love and Light Claudette, Sage and River.

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CARL DUGAN would like to thank the Ambulance Attendants, Fireman First Response and Bob English for the special care getting him out of the bush. Love and thanks to Mike and Yvonne Newell for coming to my rescue. Also to the nurses of Haliburton Hospital and Peterborough Regional Centre and to Dr. Armstrong, Dr. Conway and Dr. Dobson for repairing his leg and the great care that followed. He would like to thank Cub Coneybear for the good company as his room companion for many weeks in Haliburton Hospital. Thanks to everyone for the fruit baskets, flowers, many visits, cards and phone calls. Thanks so much to family and friends and special thanks to his wife for the love and care at hospital and home.

SINCERE THANKS to my family and friends for their prayers during my recent surgery. Special thanks for the cards, visits and phone calls which keep coming. Donna Medland.

THANK YOU to our many volunteers and patrons. You have made the Sunday Brunches at Br. 129 a great success. May you have a very merry Christmas and health and happiness in the New Year. We'll see you all on Jan. 6 when the Brunches resume. Jan, Laurie, Shirley, Barry and Gerry, Legion Br. 129 Special Committee.

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450 IN MEMORIAM

DORMAN, JAMES ALLAN - In loving memory of a dear husband, father and grandfather who passed away December 12, 2000. You lit up our world Even through all your pain. We will miss you always With our lives never to be the same. So loved and sadly missed - Loving Wife Hazel. Children: Suzanne, Gerry, Nancy, Paul and Margaret. Grandchildren: Todd, Sean, Kelly, Don, Sarah, Melissa, Pamela, Christopher, Matthew and Heather.

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450 IN MEMORIAM

HICKS - Orville and May Remembrance - Mom and Grandpa - May - Dec. 21, 2000. Dad and Grandpa - March 1, 1973.

They have just gone over the hill Right over the hill by a shorter way While we must toil on to the long roads end

Through the dust and the heat we will meet some day at the resting place No they are not dead They have simply wandered off ahead.

Ruth, Murray, Dwain, Arene, Jim and families.

JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving memory of a very dear mother and grandmother who passed away December 25, 1994.

Resting where no shadows fall In peaceful sleep she awaits us all God will link the broken chain When one by one we meet again. Forever in our hearts, Vicky, Rob, Justin and Alyssa.

JOHNSON, EDITH - In loving memory of my dear mom, who passed away December 25, 1994.

If we could ask for miracles, Just one today would do.

To hear the front door open, And see you walking through.

You will always be remembered For the love and joy you brought,

As a Mom who made a difference, And a Grandma who meant a lot.

We know you're watching over us, In everything we do,

And hope you're always proud of us,

Just like we're proud of you.

Forever remembered and always loved - Darlene.

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

CARL NELSON SIMMS

Passed away peacefully at home on Pine Lake, West Guilford on Saturday, December 15, 2001 In his 76th year.

Beloved husband of Corinne (nee Foy). Dear father of Mick and his wife Mari of Burdock Lake, and predeceased by his son Gary. Loving grandfather of Tracy, Michelle, Charlene and Kevin. Dear brother of Orie (Fay), Dale (Heather), Jane, Terry (Linda), Neva (Harry), and predeceased by brother Tom and sister Betty. Dear brother-in-law of Doreen and Don, Ronald and Margaret. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews and by many friends. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden on Monday, December 17, 2001 from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the Funeral Service at 3:00 p.m. Cremation to follow. Reception followed at the the West Guilford Community Centre. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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AT REST

JOYCE EDWINA SMITH

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 13, 2001 in Haliburton at the age of 77 years.

Joyce was a loving mother to her children David, Malcolm, Beverly Matysek and her husband Joachim, Michael and Shelley. Joyce will be fondly remembered by her fourteen grandchildren including Katrina, Krista, Kerri, Kourtney and will be sadly missed by her friends and relatives. A Celebration of Joyce's Life will be held at the Carrying Place Golf and Country Club in Kettleby on Saturday, December 22, 2001 from 12:00 o'clock noon until 3:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate that a donation be made to the Canadian Arthritis Society and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777).

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EDWARD JAMES WEST JR. (Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario) - At Haliburton Hospital on Monday evening, December 10, 2001 in his 57th year: Beloved husband of Mila Mercado - Cohen. Loving father of Catherine and Robin, both of Mississauga, and Miriam and Jermil both of Scarborough. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Britney and Breanna. Dear brother of Billy of Toronto, and Judy of Barrie. Also remembered by his cousin Bill Fike of Kinmount. Predeceased by his parents Edward James Sr. and Louise and his brothers Bob and Dennis. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Wednesday evening, December 12, 2001 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Services were in the Chapel on Thursday morning, December 13, 2001 at 11 o'clock. Reception followed at the Royal Canadian Legion in Wilberforce. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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HOOKS, GLENNIS J., of Toronto, at Pinecrest Manor, Lucknow, on Friday, December 14, 2001, in her 87th year. Beloved mother of Brent (June) Hooks of Kincardine and Wayne Hooks of Haliburton. Loving grandmother of Janine (Al) Emby of Oakville, Darren (Danielle) Hooks of Newmarket, and Alayne Hooks of Aurora. Also survived by 2 great grandchildren. Predeceased by her husband Norman Hooks. A memorial service was held at the DAVEY-LINKATER FUNERAL HOME, 757 Princes St., Kincardine, On Monday, December 17 at 1:00 p.m. with Dr. Rev. Norman Perry officiating. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice may be made as expressions of sympathy.

SMITH, MARJORIE (Resident of Highland Wood Nursing Home, Haliburton) - Peacefully at Highland Wood Nursing Home, Haliburton on Tuesday evening, December 11, 2001 in her 89th year. Beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Broad. Loving mother of Dennis (Chris) Cooper of Edinburgh, Scotland. Dear sister of the late Pearl Broad. Also lovingly remembered by Ted Scholtes of Haliburton. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209.

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WAIT, MELVILLE (MALLY) - At Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Thursday, December 13, 2001 in his 88th year. Melville Wait of Newmarket and formerly of Gooderham. Predeceased by his parents Edward and Isabella Wait, Brother George (Delbert) and sisters Verona and Gladys. He will be fondly remembered by his nephew Edward Wait of Holland Landing and grand nieces Robyn and Erin. Funeral Services was held at the Roadhouse & Rose Funeral Home, 157 Main St. S., Newmarket on Monday at 7 p.m. with visitation for 1 hour prior to the service. Interment Glamorgan Cemetery.

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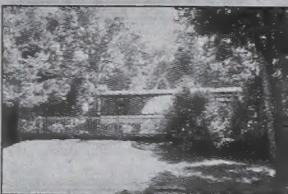
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